September 1, 1949

Mr. James C. Derieux
Collier's
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Jim:

Nice to hear from you.

I send you several things which may be helpful. The most topical is the account of the law suit in King George County, Virginia. A similar suit has lately been introduced in a South Georgia County and others are popping over the South. It is clear to me that, after the impact of these suits has become a little more severe, the members of Congress from the Southern States will be active on behalf of Federal aid for the construction of school buildings. Such a bill has been in Congress for some time.

A neat story with a good lesson is in what North Carolina did eight or ten years ago about equalization of salaries. On that occasion, as now, law suits popped in Virginia. The Governor of North Carolina read the handwriting on the wall. He called in thirty-odd Negro leaders, whom he talked with in his office, and told them he knew what the suits meant and that he hoped that North Carolina had reserves of statesmanship which would enable the working out of an orderly program of equalization without law suits. For his part, he undertook that over a five year period salaries would be equalized. He made no effort to bind the Negroes not to introduce suits. There was never a suit on the subject in North Carolina, salaries were equalized, and white people and colored people are still patting themselves on the back because North Carolina handled that one so well.

Now, this new one should be handled the same way, in states, in counties, and in cities.

That Governor of North Carolina was Broughton, and he is dead, but plenty of people in the North Carolina State Department of Education could give you the story accurately.

On the King George and Gloucester suits in Virginia, there have been interesting recent events which people in Richmond could give you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 1, 1949

Mr. George R. Houston, Asst. Librarian
Library
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Houston:

We are delighted to send you two copies of the statement put out last year by our Executive Committee, referred to in your letter of August 30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 1, 1949

Mr. H. L. McCay, Secretary
Rotary Club
Box 448
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. McCay:

You were kind enough to write me way back in April saying that if I had plans for coming to the Miami area again, I should let you know for possible use of me for a talk.

I recently accepted an invitation to appear, expenses paid, before the King of Clubs in Miami on Sunday, January 15, 1950.

I have written people at the University of Miami offering them any of the following Monday that they might want and have written Mr. Morton McDonald offering myself for any use he may arrange the preceding Friday January 13 and the Tuesday, January 17.

If you can foresee any way in which we could match up, I would be delighted to be of any service to your group I could.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 1, 1949

Miss Sara J. Perry
865 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Perry:

Thank you for your letter of August 29.

We have not got any jobs as we haven't got any money, but we are interested to know about capable people who want this kind of work.

If you could come by the office some day, we would all like to be acquainted with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 1, 1949

Mr. Aubrey Williams
Southern Farmer
Montgomery 1, Alabama

Dear Aubrey:

The Executive Committee of the Council met yesterday, and I showed them your letter of July 28, for which they were all regretful.

The Committee asked me to send you an excerpt from the Durham statement relating to segregation. I send it marked in the enclosed leaflet on page seven and eight. The Council has always considered the statements resulting from the Richmond, Durham, and Atlanta meetings as foundation policy documents for the Council. Unfortunately, the Minutes do not reveal formal adoption of any of these statements; nevertheless, they are what we have gone by.

The Executive Committee wished you to have this information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 1, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You asked me to write you something about what the Council could do in assistance to the labor movement.

Our effort is to enlarge freedom and justice for all the people of the South. We do our work, in part, by pressing constantly our several thousand strategically placed members to be active in their own local communities on behalf of impartial enforcement of law. Our monthly journal reaches a large proportion of the more important newspaper editors of the South and is influential in building public opinion favorable to all disadvantaged groups in the South.

One of the foundation purposes of the Council is to get at improvement of race relations by lessening the poverty and inequality, which are basic to better race relations. All of us on the Council staff understand that the work of the labor movement is of major importance in lessing poverty and in building democratic responsibility.

If the South is to become an area in which trade union operation may be described as normal, the South must go much further toward resolving its present conflicts and inequities.

The Council bases its work on this job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

September 2, 1949

Mr. John Beaufort
Chief, New York News Bureau
The Christian Science Monitor
588 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Beaufort:

Thank you for sending me a tear sheet of your story on the Groveland violence. It is a most useful summing-up of the various reports on the affair.

I have added your name to our complimentary mailing list for New South, though we should welcome you as a subscriber or associate member.

Enclosed is a leaflet describing the Council, as well as a list of our publications -- some of which you may find a need for.

All of us here greatly admire the Monitor and will be glad to be of help to you at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

encl

September 2, 1949

Mr. Leo Brooker
Assistant Chief of Police
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooker:

This is a careful and, in our judgement, balanced account of the recent outburst of mob violence in Lake County.

We thought that it would be of interest to law enforcement officials, and with that thought in mind, we send you a couple of copies. If more would be of value, please let us know. Our Council has, over the years, had cordial cooperation from police officers and sheriffs.

This we send you in your capacity as head of the Florida Peace Officers Association.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 2, 1949

Mr. J. LaVerd Dobson
167 W. 5th North
Provo, Utah

Dear Mr. Dobson:

We were most happy to learn of your project in the field of human relations.

I am sorry to say that we have no material on attitude testing. Unfortunately, the possibility of introducing such programs in the Southern schools is, as yet, very slight.

One useful source, of which you are probably already aware, is R. M. MacIver's The More Perfect Union (Macmillan, 1948). In Appendix V Mr. MacIver discusses the measurement of student attitudes, and appends a helpful bibliography.

Two likely agencies that occur to me at the moment are the Bureau for Intercultural Education and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Perhaps you are already in touch with them.

I enclose a list of our publications and a leaflet describing the Southern Regional Council. If we can be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc

September 2, 1949

Georgia Power Company
75 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

ATTENTION: City Bus Service Department

Dear Sir:

I should like to commend to you an act of courtesy of the driver of the outbound Emory Bus, at a little after four p.m., August 30.

A sudden rain storm had come up and the driver took unusual pains to give opportunity to a colored woman caught in the rain to board his bus.

The number on his fare box was 385, and I rather recall that his cap number was 595.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 2, 1949

Miss Olive C. Haskins
Georgia Workers Education Service
353 Courtland Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Haskins:

Thank you for your card of September 1.

I expect to be at your meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 2, 1949

Mr. George R. Houston, Asst. Librarian
Library
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Houston:

You were kind enough to write us, the other day, about a recent publication of the Southern Regional Council, which we sent on to you.

Here are some others which might well be of interest.

Perhaps, the Library would wish to subscribe, at one dollar and a half ($1.50) a year, to New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 2, 1949

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Professor of Human Relations
The University of Miami
Miami (University Branch), Fla.
P. O. Box 51

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

Thank you for your excellent summary of the year in Florida. We are most grateful to you for doing such a thorough job.

I do not know yet what the space requirements will be, but appreciate your giving me a free hand in editing.

Dr. Mitchell has advised me that Mrs. Estelle Green is preparing a piece on your human relations program. I shall look forward to getting it.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 2, 1949

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell, N. E.
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Miss Maxwell:

We are deeply grateful to you for the careful summary of the past year in South Carolina. It is excellently done and will greatly add to the annual round-up issue of New South.

I don't yet know what the space requirements will be, but it is kind of you to give me a free hand in any necessary editing.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 2, 1949

Mr. William Pfaff
121 E. 40 Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pfaff:

It is a pleasure to send you information about the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed are several pieces of descriptive material. If you need more detailed information, I shall do my best to supply it.

Also enclosed is list of our publications, some of which you may find a need for.

We should be most happy to welcome you as an associate member or as a subscriber to our publications.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

encl

September 2, 1949

Mr. George Stephens
The Stephens Press
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

I am very late in thanking you for a mighty good lunch, good company, and your kindness in letting me meet useful people.

It is a special pleasure to come within your periphery in western North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 6, 1949

Mr. Cyrus Johnson
P. O. Box 1208
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Cy:

I wrote to Guy Johnson a couple of weeks ago reminding him that the meeting is up coming and listed for him the North Carolina members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I believe you and Guy and Trigg were part of the committee.

I hope you will get in touch with either Trigg or Guy and urge them to convene the meeting. The Minutes said it was to be in late September, I believe.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 6, 1949

Mr. Fred C. Parker,Jr.
Chief of Police
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Chief Parker;

Thank you for returning our questionnaire.

Our office has been compiling data on the employment of Negro policemen in Southern cities for several years. I send you our reports for 1947, 1948 and the 1949 tabulation which has not yet been printed. Chiefs of police have indicated that since the employment of these men, crime rates in colored sections have noticeably decreased.

Please write us if we can give you more information.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

September 6, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Co.
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

You will recall my letter to you of August 19 about the pamphlet "Race in the News."

We had a letter just the other day from Mr. C. C. Spaulding saying that the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company had read the manuscript and had been much pleased with it. They ordered a thousand copies and sent us a check for one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

I will send you sample copies in a couple of days. (The printer hasn't sent them to us yet.)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 6, 1949

Mr. Joseph L. Schenering
Superintendent of Police
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Schenering:

Thank you for returning our questionnaire.

Our office has been compiling data on the employment of Negro policemen in Southern cities for several years. I send you our reports for 1947, 1948 and the 1949 tabulation which has not yet been printed. Chiefs of police have indicated that since the employment of these men, crime rates in colored sections have noticeably decreased.

Please write us if we can give you more information.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

September 6, 1949

Mr. C. C. Spaulding, President
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

I can't tell you how extremely happy your letter of September 2 about the pamphlet "Race in the News" made us. We are delighted to have that long step toward paying for the printing; we are delighted that your company agreed so heartily with us that the pamphlet is of value; and we are delighted that the company will be distributing it and so helping to get its contents used.

The printer has not yet delivered the pamphlet, but we expect it tomorrow or the next day and will send yours straight on up.

With warmest admiration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 7, 1949

Mrs. Helen B. Christensen
Box 229
Beaufort, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Christensen:

One of our members has suggested that you might be interested in material about the Southern Regional Council.

I take pleasure in sending you a circular, with a membership blank in it, and several of our more recent publications.

We do hope you will like the sort of thing we do, and add your strength to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

September 7, 1949

Mr. Nelson Cruikshank
A.F.L. Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cruikshank:

Thank you for your wire.

I know about Mr. Rhodes, and we had called his office. No information available, and Mr. Rhodes out for two or three weeks to come.

Because I am parsimonious, I did not put all that in the wire.

I have since called Rhodes' office and shall use the guess figure.

Thank you anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 7, 1949

Mrs. Genevieve L. Davis
128 A. S. Battery
Charleston 21, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Davis:

One of our members has suggested that you might be interested in material about the Southern Regional Council.

I take pleasure in sending you a circular, with a membership blank in it, and several of our more recent publications.

We do hope you will like the sort of thing we do, and add your strength to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

September 7, 1949

Mr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

How nice that was of you to send me the story on the wind-up in King George County.

The fact that they now have a Ralph Bunche Negro High School will go into my speech.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 7, 1949

Miss Alma Metcalfe
210 Evans Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Miss Metcalfe:

Thank you so much for sending us the three names.

I have sent them the enclosed letters, and copies of various recent issues of New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

Punch
Honest Answer
Old Negro Police
Recommendations to Southern Governors
How a Virginia County Made up its Mind
Mobile Violence

September 7, 1949

Mr. F. D. Patterson, President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have mailed over to you the Tuskegee pictures, which you were kind enough to write about September 1.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Miss Emily G. Ravenel
114 East McDonough Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Miss Ravenel:

One of our members has suggested that you might be interested in material about the Southern Regional Council.

I take pleasure in sending you a circular, with a membership blank in it, and several of our more recent publications.

We do hope you will like the sort of thing we do, and add your strength to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

September 7, 1949

Mr. John C. Granbery, Editor
The Emancipator
3305 West Ashby
San Antonio 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Granbery:

We were delighted to have your letter of Sept. 2, with your check for six dollars ($6.00). We have credited five dollars ($5.00) to dues and have sent you for the other dollar ($1.00) four copies of the Manual.

It is the best of news that your group in San Antonio proposes to make a survey. If the Council can assist them with advice, please let us know. We have a competent young woman, Mrs. Jane Simpson, Yale trained in social and community relations, who ordinarily goes out to places where surveys are to be made. Unfortunately, we must depend upon the cities and towns for payment of her travel expenses.

Surveys are currently being made at Greenville and Rock Hill, South Carolina, Madison, Georgia and, I believe, West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Greenville, South Carolina people are nearly through. At Madison, Georgia, the survey committee is recommending the combining of three counties.

The survey thing is a mighty good scheme. It gets both races working together on matters of the deepest common interest.

The burden of our advice to communities undertaking a survey is to construct the committee with the greatest care so as not only to have all races but all responsible people who, after they have themselves found the facts, can cause changes to be made.

I declare, I don't know what to tell you, in addition to what they had in Who's Who about me. I ran a most interesting program in 1945, 1946, and 1947, getting improved services to returning Negro veterans. Then when Guy Johnson returned to Chapel Hill, they put me in as Executive Director of the Council.

My Father died, as you probably know, about a year ago. None of us are now in Richmond. Broadus teaches at Rutgers. Morris runs a cooperative farm in North Georgia and is Secretary of the Southeastern Cooperative League. Terry is an engineer in Waynesboro, Pa. Mary lives in Connecticut.

I wrote you a couple of years ago, that I married an Ashland girl and have dabbled with Hanover County farming; so, I am friendly with various persons at Randolph-Macon, who recall your fondness for the college.

The Council has been busy if mightily strained financially. My greatest regret is that we have not had the funds to develop more fully our many cordial links with friends and supporters in Texas. I do hope that in the next several months we can work out things that will tie us together more closely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 9, 1949

General Robert Johnson
Chairman of the Board
Johnson and Johnson
New Brunswick, N. J.

My dear General Johnson:

Here are two items from today's papers which should be of assistance in making clear the nature and work of the Southern Regional Council.

Very truly,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:wgd

Enclosures

September 9, 1949

Mr. Eugene Meyer
The Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Southern Regional Council, of which I am President, has been a good deal in the news of late. In the hope of interesting you in the Council I should be grateful for an opportunity to talk with you briefly during my stay in Washington next week.

I will call your office when I reach the city, and ask for the favor of a few minutes of your time.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:wgd

September 9, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Here are a couple of copies of our latest effort, just from the press.

We think it could be exceedingly useful.

I want to talke to you by long distance telephone on ways in which Mr. Walter Johnson of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association might be willing to help in getting distribution to newspaper offices.

Could you, therefore, find moments in which to look through this so that when I reach you by phone, we can plan together.

Mr. Popham was of the greatest assistance in the meetings yesterday and today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 9, 1949

Mr. Lewis Strauss
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Strauss:

In my capacity as President of the Southern Regional Council I should be most grateful for your kindness in giving me an opportunity to talk briefly with you during my stay this coming week in Washington.

You may recall that we visited together at the time I accompanied Fr. Thomas F. O'Connell, of Richmond, Chairman of the Catholic Committee of the South, in connection with his testimony on the confirmation of Mr. Lilienthal.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:wgd

September 12, 1949

Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts
Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Evarts:

Thank you for your letter of September 8 and for the payment of your annual dues.

We shall take care of the change of your son's address. His subscription expires October 1949.

Let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:nh

September 12, 1949

Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Here are a couple of copies of the new pamphlet, Race in the News.

Would the Atlanta League, or some other group you may know of, wish to buy some more for distribution? They cost fifteen cents each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 12, 1949

Mr. Morris R. Herndon, President
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Herndon:

We are sorry the Company couldn't see its way to buy some of the new pamphlet, for distribution, but appreciate your trouble in giving the matter considered attention.

Mr. Spaulding showed the manuscript to his Board, who were so pleased with the potential usefulness of the pamphlet that they ordered a thousand copies, and sent us their check.

Here are several copies, for your own use, and for any to whom you may wish to give them.

If you can advise me as to any way in which I can get wider circulation than usual for this particular booklet I will be most grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 12, 1949

Dr. W. S. Hornsby
Executive Vice-President
The Pilgrim H. & L. Insurance Co.
Box 904
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hornsby:

Some days ago I had the pleasure of stopping at your Atlanta office, and talking with Mr. James Walker about the manuscript of this new pamphlet of ours, freshly now from the printer.

It is really a double-barrelled little volume. As a manual in Southern newspaper offices it can do much to get more considerate, accurate, and complete coverage of Negro news in the standard papers. As a guide also in the hands of readers of the papers, it can serve as the basis for individual and committee protests to editors when the policies laid out in the pamphlet aren't lived up to.

Our Council incurred a considerable bill in printing the pamphlet. We are anxious not only to sell enough copies to cover the bill, but to get a big circulation for the booklet. With this in mind, I have asked several of the Life Insurance Companies to consider buying a block of the pamphlet, for distribution to their clients.

We have been much gratified by the action of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, which read the manuscript and thought it so worth while that they ordered a thousand copies of the pamphlet, and sent the Company's check for one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00), in payment.

I would be most appreciative of your kindness in considering whether the Pilgrim Company would wish to buy a goodly number, also. They are priced at fifteen cents each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd
Enclosures

September 12, 1949

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Here are five copies of the new pamphlet on Race in the News.

I send you the happy word that Mr. Spaulding's Board had thought so highly of the manuscript that they bought a thousand copies, and sent us the check for one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

I would be most grateful for your advice as to other ways in which we can increase the circulation, and cut down our bill for the printing!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 12, 1949

Mr. C. A. Scott
Atlanta Daily World
Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

I do hope you will find time to examine closely this new pamphlet, just out.

We think it can be extremely useful in Southern newspaper offices, and in the hands of citizen-readers.

We ran up a bill for printing them, and need to sell quite a lot. They are fifteen cents each.

The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company thought so highly of the manuscript that their Board of Directors in Durham ordered a thous nd copies to distribute to policy holders.

What would be your kindest advice as to ways in which we could interest people, and papers, in using it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 12, 1949

Mr. W. S. Scott, President
Guarantee Life Insurance Co.
460 West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

I had the pleasure ten days or so ago of stopping in at your Atlanta office, and talking with Mr. C. A. Brown about the manuscript of this pamphlet, which has just been printed.

It is really a double-barrelled little volume. As a manual in Southern newspaper offices it can do much to get more considerate, accurate, and complete coverage of Negro news in the standard papers. As a guide also in the hands of readers of the papers, it can serve as the basis for individual and committee protests to editors when the policies laid out in the pamphlet aren't lived up to.

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I would be most appreciative of your kindness in considering whether the Guarantee Life Insurance Company would wish to buy a goodly number, also. They are priced at fifteen cents each.

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd
Enclosures

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Daily file

September 12, 1949

Dr. A. Stephen Stephan, Head
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

Please forgive this delay in acknowledging your excellent summary of the past year's changes in the status of Negroes in Arkansas. We are most grateful to you for this careful, well documented report.

It was also kind of you to let me know that your report would be a few days late. That did not inconvenience us in the least, since our normal operations were virtually suspended during our Southwide conference of church women with Mrs. Roosevelt as guest speaker. Because of the interruption of the conference, we now plan to make the annual number of New South an early October issue.

Again, our sincere thanks.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 12, 1949

Dr. P. A. Taylor, Jr., Editor
Central Christian Advocate
631 Baronne
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Taylor:

I stopped in the other day in Atlanta with proof in hand of this new pamphlet of the Council's, which has since seen print.

We want to get the pamphlet in the hands of white editors and newspaper staff members in order that they may learn the five or six simple rules laid down for the conduct of their papers on matters of Negro news.

We are also most anxious to have the pamphlet reach the hands of as many citizens as possible. The thought here is that citizen readers of local papers, using the pamphlet, could, from time to time, fruitfully point out to local editors instances in which their papers are grevious violating rules laid down in the little book.

The Council has the booklet for sale at fifteen cents a copy. It occurred to Bishop Bowen that you might care to give some little notice in the Advocate of the pamphlet and its availability.

I can think of no more useful group than the Methodist Ministers as readers of the little booklet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 13, 1949

Mr. George Goodwin
Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Enclosed is just about all the data we could assemble on the eleven topics on which you needed statistics. You will notice number ~~six~~ 3 is missing -- the item referring to the number of agricultural school graduates. This information has been requested of the Office of Education and will be sent you when it comes to our office.

Let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

September 13, 1949

Mr. Walter Johnson
Executive Secretary
Southern Newspaper Publishers Association
Dome Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We were delighted with the news from Mr. Mynders yesterday that you will be good enough to send out copies of Race in the News to members of the Association. We sent off last night to you 425 copies.

I do hope there will be some way in which, if you are in agreement, the idea could be got over to your members that the little pamphlet will be a good thing to keep on or around newspaper desks. We thought of it as, in part, a manual. It might be particularly useful in this way on a copy editor's desk. We also thought that it would be useful for new reporters when they are briefed as to policy on this matter. All the above, in order to avoid w.p.b. for leaflet after a look through; our highest hope is that it can be used, tiny as it is, as a reference manual.

It has been written, as you will have seen, in persuasion rather than exhortation or criticism.

It is most gratifying to us that through your kindness we can expect the entire Southern Press to receive the little book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 13, 1949

Mr. Calvin Kytle
c/o Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

We are still swimming in the aftermath of the Church Women's Conference. It went off very well, indeed, and I, for one, was very sorry that you and Liz could not be here to enjoy it with us. I sincerely hope, Calvin, that all goes well with you in your new job.

Race in the News got off the press just in time to get favorable attention from the conferees, all of whom got a copy to take home. I am sending you a batch for your own use. Hope you will like its appearance.

We are most grateful to you for such a good job, done under such difficult circumstances. Hope you will be as pleased as we are with these two bits of news:

Walter Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to send copies to all of his members--425 of them. That should do a lot of good.

In addition, the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, headed by C. C. Spaulding, has bought a thousand copies to send out to their mailing list. Added to this, praise comes in from all directions. I am inclined to think that the impact of the pamphlet is going to be greater and more immediate than we had hoped.

By the way, if you see the New York Times keep an eye out for a good piece on the pamphlet by John Popham. He was here to cover the Conference.

Let us hear from you and Liz as soon as you get your heads above water.

All the best.

Sincerely,

HF:wgd

Harold Fleming

September 13, 1949

Mr. James H. Lewis, President and
Chairman of the Board
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
101 East Union Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I enclose two copies of a pamphlet which our Council has just received back from the printer.

We started work on it months ago, as a means of getting Southern newspapers to use fair, respectful, and much fuller coverage of news of Negro events. When the manuscript was ready, we were without the funds to see it through the printing. So I appealed to several of the larger life insurance companies for block orders, thinking it might be desirable as an item for distribution to their policy-holders. I withheld a letter to you until I had had opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Burney, here at your Atlanta Branch.

Meanwhile, we have been delighted by action of the Board of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in buying a thousand copies, and sending us the check for $150.00. They will mail it out to clients, as promotion of a good cause.

We have also had word, just yesterday, that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will mail out copies to each of their 425 members.

That makes it certain that the papers will have it. Now we want to get the widest possible circulation to citizen-readers, so that they can work, quietly, a sort of running audit of how their local papers do.

September 13, 1949

I would be most grateful for your kindness in writing me whether, after proper consideration, the Afro-American Life Insurance Company would be willing to order five hundred or a thousand, or any other suitable number. We can make them available for fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 13, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

That was such a very cheering message you were kind enough to get through to me yesterday afternoon. We sent off the 425 copies to Mr. Johnson at once.

I am also mailing five copies to Mr. Puckette today. We are flattered that Mr. and Mrs. Sulzberger will see it.

Popham told us he had some idea of writing a story about the pamphlet.

I have taken the liberty of adding in my letter to Mr. Walter Johnson the paragraph about our hope that the pamphlet can have a long life on copy desks.

With warmest appreciation of your assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 13, 1949

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches
109 Grace Street, West
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are still wrestling with the problem of getting out an issue of New South which will summarize the past year's progress, state by state, in those fields of particular interest to the Council.

We have received summaries from several of the states and expect others soon. Those states for which we have no full summary must be covered somehow. I wonder if you could take out just time enough to jot down in note form the major developments in Virginia for the past year which we ought not to overlook? It would not have to be anything like a finished manuscript; we would welcome it, in however fragmentary a form.

Otherwise, I greatly fear that at this distance, we might miss some of the most important items of progress.

We shall be most grateful for this help, if at all possible, within the next week or so.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 13, 1949

Dr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

Just a word to tell you that I am looking forward to receiving your progress report for Tennessee for the past year.

We have rescheduled that annual number of New South as the October issue. Therefore, your manuscript can still reach us in ample time.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 14, 1949

Dr. W. W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

Here is our Race in the News, just out.

The other day, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association agreed to send it out to all their members--425 copies.

Also, Mr. Spaulding's Board bought a thousand copies to send out to policy holders.

It was written by Calvin Kytle who did most of the writing for the Georgia Politics Study a couple of years ago.

I really think this one is going to do a lot of good. It will help in newspaper offices, and we are straining to get it into the hands of newspaper readers where it will help also. This is really the first time that a clear dividing line has been set up between the decent way to handle these matters and the careless way.

Do let me hear from you in my desperate plight!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 14, 1949

Mr. James W. Atkins, Editor
Gastonia Gazette
Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Mr. Atkins:

Here is, just into print, the little pamphlet which I described to you when I had the pleasure of being in Gastonia some time ago.

You will se that on page twelve, it sets forth the Gastonia Gazette's practice as a model.

We are much cheered by news yesterday that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute the pamphlet to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 14, 1949

Mr. Barry Bingham, Editor
Courier-Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

This little pamphlet is something we have long wanted to do but were able to get it out only a few days ago.

You will see that on page nine it carries special praise of the Courier-Journal.

We had, only yesterday, the good news that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute the pamphlet to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 14, 1949

Mr. Julian V. Boehm, Special Agent
Union Central Life Insurance Co.
1020 First National Bank Building
14 Peachtree Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Julian:

I take personal pleasure in being the one to thank you for your kind contribution for the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present. This is the check you sent over through Dr. Jacobs.

As the meeting came closer, we were frightened by the responsibility we had undertaken when funds were so short. It was the greatest reassurance to be able through your kindness and that of others to be able to pay the bills and launch what we think will be a rewarding movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. James E. Chappell
Birmingham News
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Chappell:

I believe I talked with you months ago about the Council's plan to get out the pamphlet Race in the News, in the form of a manual.

We at last got it done the other day. You will see that on page three, we quoted your helpful summary in 1942.

We had, only yesterday, the good news that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute it to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. J. L. Coker, President
Sonoco Mfg. Co.
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coker:

In a letter the other day from Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Chairman of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, he mentioned the fact that you had been so very kind as to undertake to be one of those contributing two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) to the Council. You will remember that we are seeking ninety-nine Southern persons who will join Dr. Odum in putting up that sum for the Council's needs this year.

I recall with the greatest gratitude your kindness in being one of the signers of the letters which went out in South Carolina. The two hundred and fifty dollar appeal has now gone out in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama and Florida. Virginia letters are to go out shortly. Thus far, we have had twenty-three contributors totalling something over three thousand dollars. We know of several more two hundred and fifty dollar sums which are promised already.

The Council is doing a better job than ever before at a time when its services are greatly needed. I offer as some evidence, this latest pamphlet which, only yesterday, was accepted by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association for distribution to their 425 members. Thus distributed, and intelligently followed up, it can greatly speed the movement for considered handling of Negro news in the Southern press.

If your own check for two hundred and fifty dollars could be sent in, it would add no small rejoicing in an office rather pressed financially.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 14, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

My apoligies for being so long in answering your two letters of September 5. We have been busy with the grand occasion when Mrs. Roosevelt came.

Mrs. J. J. Starks of Benedict College and Mrs. M. R. Wilkinson of State College paid their dues only, respectively August 15, 1949 and June 1, 1949.

Mr. J. H. Rudolph, 76 Cannon Street, Charleston, S. C. and Mr. Herbert DaCosta, 93½ Spring Street, Charleston, S. C. are not members of the Council and have made no contribution to it. As a matter of fact, not one of the ones you and the others most kindly sent a letter to have as yet made a contribution, with the gratifying exception of your own much appreciated twenty dollars.

Mr. J. L. Coker has not yet sent the two hundred and fifty dollars which you said he had kindly expressed a willingness to send at the time he signed the letters. Accordingly, I have written him, copy enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

I think I told you some time back that we were hoping to get together a pamphlet on Race in the News. Here it is.

You will see that on page four we had occasion to speak appreciatively of the Times-Dispatch.

We heard yesterday that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute copies of the pamphlet to all its members.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 14, 1949

Mr. Harry I. Davis, General Agent
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Suite 1030, Citizens & Southern National Bank Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Davis:

It is my privilege on behalf of those who planned the meeting last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present to express the greatest gratitude to you for your kind contribution forwarded through Dr. Jacobs.

It was quite a comfort to be able to pay the bills incurred, on the nail. I am sure that a worthy and more useful movement is launched because of your kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

September 14, 1949

Mr. M. A. Ferst
M. A. Ferst, Ltd.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ferst:

I have the pleasure of expressing the gratitude of all those concerned with the planning of last week's meetings at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present, for your very great kindness in forwarding your check through Dr. Jacobs.

As the occasion came nearer, we were the more appalled by the bills we did not have the funds to meet. Your kindness helped substantially to make the whole occasion so successful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. Robert E. Garst, City Editor
New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

Twenty odd years ago in the Columbia Book Store, I flipped the pages of your little book about headlines. My eye caught the dictum that race does not belong in headlines.

You will remember that you were kind enough to receive and talk generously with Calvin Kytle last year when he came up to further the idea of doing a sort of manual on Race in the News in the South.

Here is the finished product.

We were delighted to get news, just yesterday, from the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association that they will send it out to each of their members.

We think it is good, and we believe that it will be quite useful.

I wanted you to know that the notion is originally yours.

With warmest wishes and cordial regards to Iris.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 14, 1949

Mr. Abe Goldstein
Prior Tire Company
Peachtree & Pine Streets
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

On behalf of all those concerned with planning the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present, I have the privilege of thanking you for your most generous contribution, made through Dr. Jacobs.

Courage to get an important series of meetings going is close kin to money enough to pay the bills; and we are deeply grateful for your check that came in when we were gravely worried by the obligations undertaken.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

The Honorable Gordon Gray
Secretary of the Army
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I recall with pleasure an interview in your office in Winston-Salem, when you told me of some of the good things in the field of race relations which you had had a hand in.

It is, therefore, a great pleasure to send you a couple of copies of this new little pamphlet. We tried to make of it a manual for use in Southern Newspaper Offices.

We were delighted yesterday with news that the Southern Newspaper Publisher's Association will distribute it to all the association's members.

You will see that we have reproduced a page from the Journal and Sentinel and on page twelve have set out your device as a model.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. Charles H. Jagels
Davison-Paxon Co.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jagels:

I have been asked by those who planned the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present to express our appreciation to you for your very kind contribution, forwarded through Dr. Jacobs.

We were greatly worried about our responsibilities and encouraged when your own kind gift and others made it possible for us to meet the bills and launch a movement so useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
University of Miami
P. O. Box 51
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 31. I will mark aside Monday, January 16, 1950 as being at your disposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. Samuel Rothberg
Real Estate
575 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rothberg:

I should like to express the sincere gratitude of all those concerned with planning the meetings last week to which Mrs. Roosevelt came, for your generous gift, made through Dr. Jacobs.

We could not have launched the program so well and with such promise of usefulness without your generous assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 14, 1949

Mr. Melvin F. Schwartz
P. O. Box 4689
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I take personal pleasure in being the one to express to you on behalf of those who planned the meeting at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present, our appreciation for your very kind contribution forwarded through Dr. Jacobs.

We were greatly worried about our responsibilities and were encouraged when your own kind gift with others made it possible for us to meet the bills and launch a movement so useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. Carter Wesley
Freedmen's Publishing Company
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We missed you greatly at the meeting, but are glad to know you have had a well earned rest, and we do know so well how things pile up in absence. We here are just digging out from the aftermath of Mrs. Tilly's southwide meeting of church women, which we sponsored, or I would have answered your letter earlier.

We were delighted at having Mrs. Wesley at the meeting. Tell her how sorry I am that I did not have the pleasure of meeting her.

The meeting of the Executive Committee, although extremely pleasant in bringing together people who greatly like and respect each other, was a sad one, too, for the monetary situation of the Council is now very grave.

We had, at the time of the meeting, but slightly more than $8 in liquid, spendable funds, holding in reserve the $3000 allocated to the home-town self survey for 1950, and almost $700 belonging to Mrs. Tilly for her southwide meeting. A payroll of $1,388.32 was also due on that day, and we owed slightly more than $1,400 in printing bills, etc. Against this we had only $3,845 in expected revenues that we felt we could count on.

Our hopes, of course, encompassed much more. On General Johnson's return from europe there was pending a decision that <u>might</u> net us $16,000 from <u>that</u> source, and it was hoped that Dr. Will Alexander would be able to raise $4,000 to $5,000 through Mr. Embree who is now administering the Whitney Fund. Also, Mr.

Byrd was expected to take up on September 20th his task of raising a half million for the Council. This fact represented both an asset and a liability, since Mr. Byrd would also have to be paid, and his travel provided for.

You can readily see the elements of a painful decision in the offing. I shall not attempt to cover the full range of the discussion, but only to give it in essence. The Committee, recognizing that the Council must, somehow, be kept alive, if only in skeleton form, until it could come into its inheritance (you recall ?), ruled that the $3,000 held for next year might be used for immediate expenses, stipulating that a like sum must either be used in 1950 for the survey, or returned to the donor. They further ruled that unless funds up to $4,000 to $5,000 were either in hand or in sight by September 20th, the staff, with a month's notice to those affected, would be reduced to skeleton form, and would so continue until the Board and Membership meetings of November 9th, where final decision on all matters could be made.

The Committee made its recommendations most reluctantly, and even wryly, recognizing that the Council is now in the period of its greatest influence, at a time when its greatest opportunities lie before it, and that actually its <u>future</u> is assured, is it can but be kept alive in this interim period. This is irony in its purest form, and I need not tell you at this point how much your own $500 would help, - or any part of it.

All join me in sending regards. I hope you will circle the dates November 9th and 10th, dates of Annual and Board meetings, on your calendar and plan to be with us. Your wisdom and thinking power will be needed.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

h/s

September 15, 1949

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
805 Bankers Security Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Billikopf:

Here is a most useful new small pamphlet from the Council which I wanted you to see.

By great good fortune, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to distribute it to all its members.

I rather think that wide circulation of it in the South will have a direct and deep effect in improving press coverage of Negro matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Dr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brimm:

Do put your imagination to work and show us how we could get the widest possible circulation of this new pamphlet.

It could do a lot of good. You will see that it is written persuasively and not carpingly. It is perfect for a local action program. There is no politics, nothing that is fairly to be criticised; and skillfully used, it can do a lot to build goodwill. We are selling it for fifteen cents.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to each of its members.

Is there any promotion engine we could reach which would interest your church people?

We are having printed a flyer describing the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. Wright Bryan, Editor
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bryan:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, please accept our sincere thanks for the cooperation of the Atlanta Journal in reporting the recent southwide Conference of Church Women September 8 and 9.

Miss Margaret Shannon did an excellent job. Her coverage was thorough and accurate, and it was a pleasure for me to work with her.

Mr. George Goodwin was a valuable contributor to our panel discussions.

We look forward to equally pleasant cooperation with the Journal in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 15, 1949

Sir Alan Burns
c/o George Allen & Unwin Ltd.
London, England

My dear Sir Alan:

I have lately read, with much profit Colour Prejudice.

The footnotes made it clear that you are an assiduous collector.

I daresay, therefore, that you will be interested in some of the pamphlet material which I am sending you separately. They are various publications of our Council.

I call particular attention to the green one called Race in the News. The whole emphasis in it is on just those points of considerate and courteous conduct which your book so usefully stressed.

I am happy to say that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to distribute it to each of their several hundred member newspapers in the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

Re: Footnote #2 on page 141. Debose Heyward is entirely white.

September 15, 1949

Dr. Robert D. Calkins
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

I do hope you can find time to read a bit into this new pamphlet.

With the help of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, we are getting it into practically every newspaper office in the South. We hope it can serve as a handbook on the desks of copy editors and as a teaching document for new reporters. Also, in the hands of citizen readers of the papers, it can be the basis for a sort of running audit of how the papers do.

I think it is going to be popular. As one indication, we have already had an order for one thousand copies (and a check for $150.00) from the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. They will mail it out to policy holders.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 15, 1949

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Greenville Democrat
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We have had this new pamphlet in the cook for a good many months. It is now just back from the printer.

I do hope you will like it.

I have had word that Mr. Walter Johnson of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will be sending it all to all the Association's members. Meanwhile, I send you a couple ahead.

It is obvious to us all that a movement is already well begun for Southern papers to come up to scratch on this matter.

We have dared to hope that you would find the pamphlet worthy of some special comment in your own paper or in your column.

You will see that it has been not carpingly but persuasively written.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corp. of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

Here is a brand new pamphlet we have done.

It is really quite nice.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail a copy to each of its members. That is 425 copies.

The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has bought a thousand copies to mail to policy-holders.

Our plan is to do two things.

1. Get it into the hands of papers to be used as a manual and a teaching document for new reporters.
2. Get it into the hands of citizen readers, who, using the little book, will run a constant audit against it on their local papers.

I think we are catching the beginning of a wave of improvement in this whole matter anyway; and the pamphlet can greatly speed the movement.

I send it to you for information; and, I had half a hope also that you would contrive some further channel for our getting the pamphlet known.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 15, 1949

Dr. Charles G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

Just a word to tell you that I am looking forward to receiving your progress report for Kentucky for the past year.

We have re-scheduled that annual number of New South as the October issue. Therefore, your manuscript can still reach us in ample time.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mr. Louis E. Hosch, Executive Secretary
American Council on Race Relations
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Here is a fancy new pamphlet we have just got out.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it to each of their members.

Can you give me any ideas on how to sell some more copies? We charge fifteen cents each for them.

Yes, I will be there in one of those nine dollarsa night rooms at our meeting November 3 - 5.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mr. Herbert C. Jenkins
Chief of Police
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Chief Jenkins:

I stopped by your office the other day to give you in person the very sincere thanks, of all those connected with planning the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present, for the kind skill and wise judgement so generously shown by you and those whom you assigned to be present at the several meetings.

In our opinion, the meetings were valuable to Atlanta and to the whole South, and we are extremely grateful for the part which the Atlanta Police Force played in making it all go so creditably.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We are most grateful for your kind letter of September 7 with its three contributions as listed. They came in a time of great need.

I think Miss Gundlach's suggestion is a valuable one, and we will try to find some way to put all or part of it into effect.

I enclose several copies of our newest pamphlet. It is a pretty good job, we think, and should be quite influential in changing the way the Southern press handles matters. We heard only yesterday that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute a copy to each of its members.

I have also written to each of the leading Negro life insurance companies and asked them to buy blocks of the pamphlet for distribution to their policy-holders. Mr. Spaulding wrote almost at once that his Board had read it and so liked it that they wanted to order one thousand copies and here was their check for $150.00. I have hopes from some of the others; and we are also asking church and tearchers' groups to buy some.

We will mail copies to all the Council members in our next mailing in about two weeks time.

The idea in the back of our heads is to stimulate local committees to visit local editors and work a sort of running audit of the papers against the little green book.

The meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present went off splendidly, we thought.

The Daily World referred to us this morning as the "effective and accepted Southern Regional Council." Mr. Fleming said, "effective, accepted, broke!"

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mr. Kenneth Little
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ken:

This is a fancy new pamphlet we did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 15, 1949

Miss Amy Loveman
c/o the Saturday Review of Literature
New York, New York

Dear Miss Loveman:

You may perhaps recall your kindness in giving opportunity for Paul Williams of Richmond and myself to talk with you some months ago.

Here is a brand new small pamphlet from the Southern Regional Council. We have wanted to do something like it for a long time.

It amounts to being a manual or handbook for use in Southern newspaper offices.

Thought it has been out only four or five days, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Associations has already agreed to send a copy to each of its members.

Now if I can give it wide distribution among the reading public, the interacting forces of editorial use of the pamphlet and reader use of it can greatly speed the movement in the South for fair and courteous coverage of Negro news. Few things would more rapidly improve matters in this part of the world.

May I ask for your great kindness in using your imagination as to the best way in which I can get the pamphlet known? Its price is fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 15, 1949

Mr. John Marion
Southern Presbyterian Church
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Do put your imagination to work and show us how we could get the widest possible circulation of this new pamphlet.

It could do a lot of good. You will see that it is written persuasively and not carpingly. It is perfect for a local action program. There is no politics, nothing that is fairly to be criticised; and skillfully used, it can do a lot to build goodwill. We are selling it for fifteen cents.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to each of its members.

Is there any promotion engine we could reach which would interest your church people?

We are having printed a flyer describing the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 14, 1949

Mr. D. D. Matthews, Chief of Police
Burlington, North Carolina

Dear Chief Matthews:

For several years now, the Southern Regional Council has kept as accurate a record as possible of the employment of colored policemen in Southern cities. This information has been much in demand. It has proved particularly helpful to chiefs of police and other officials in those cities considering adding Negro policemen as an aid to law enforcement in the colored community.

On August 25th the Durham Herald carried a story about the employment of Negro policemen in Alamance City to work in the areas of Glencoe Road, Richmond Hill and Halls Hill. Are these areas part of the city of Burlington? To insure that our list is correct, it is our policy to request official confirmation each year from the chiefs of police concerned.

We shall greatly appreciate your cooperation in filling out the attached questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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September 15, 1949

Right Reverend A. J. Moore
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Bishop Moore:

It is my privilege to thank you on behalf of all those who helped plan the meetings at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present last week for the ready and indispensable assistance which you gave us.

We are extremely grateful also for Mrs. Moore's kindness in taking so helpful a part in the evening meeting.

Now, many people over the city and over the South have cause to be grateful for your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

The New York Times Book Review
The New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Here is a just out pamphlet which shows signs of popularity and usefulness.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has undertaken to distribute it to all its members.

I am ambitious for mention of it among the latest books received, if so slender a booklet can merit listing. The price is fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Petersburg Progress Index
Petersburg, Virginia

ATTENTION: The Editor

Dear Sir:

Our Council has been working for some time to get together a pamphlet on Race in the News. It came back from the printer just the other day. You will see that its final subject gives merited praise to your paper.

We heard just the other day that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association intends to send the pamphlet out to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

The Editor
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I thought perhaps this little pamphlet, just out, might deserve a notice somewhere in Phylon.

We had the good news the other day that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will distribute it to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Miss Lillian Smith
Clayton, Georgia

Dear Miss Smith:

Sorry I missed you when I called two or three weeks ago, but it was a pleasure to talk with Mrs. Snelling.

We have just got out this new pamphlet. I do hope you will like it.

You will have seen the fair beginnings already made in the Southern press toward coming around to better standards in this matter. We think this pamphlet, widely used, can speed and shape the movement quite a lot,

I would be very grateful if you would run it through your mind and help us in any way you can to get it widely used. We will sell it for fifteen cents a copy.

Incidentally, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to all the Association's members. Also, the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has bought a thousand copies to distribute to policy-holders.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

I think you will like this new one.

It is ably done--cast to persuade Southern Editors to behave.

Mr. Spaulding's Board has already bought a thousand copies for distribution to policy-holders of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Also, crowningly, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to distribute it to each of its members.

I recall the Phelps-Stokes Foundation has helped us over the years with our publications program and turn to you with thanks as we get this one launched into what looks like considerable popularity and usefulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 15, 1949

Mr. Carter Wesley
Freedman's Publishing Co.
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We are rejoicing in this new little pamphlet Race in the News. I do hope you will share our feeling that it can be one of the most effective things the Council has ever done.

We had only yesterday the good news that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will take on the job of distributing it to each of the association's members.

Also Mr. Spaulding's Board bought a thousand copies and sent us a check for $150.00. They will mail it out to policy-holders.

It was a great pleasure to talk briefly with your wife when she did us all the kindness of coming to the meetings last week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 15, 1949

Mr. Roy Wilkins
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Here is a new little pamphlet we have just get out on Race in the News. We think it can be quite a help.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to distribute it to all its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 15, 1949

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I am dreadfully skittish about your going to see Billikopf. He can only connect me with an appeal and that would be just too embarrassing.

He knows about us because his son joined us a couple of years ago, and Mr. Billikopf wrote and asked me to send our material to two or three persons in New England, which I did.

I am going to send him a copy of Race in the News and tell him what it is. If that small contact should rouse in him a desire to help the Council, well and good; but I shiver when I think of the embarrassment of a more direct appeal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 15, 1949

Mrs. Hortense H. Young
818 South Sixth Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Just a word to tell you that I am looking forward to receiving your progress report for Kentucky for the past year.

We have re-scheduled that annual number of New South as the October issue. Therefore, your manuscript can still reach us in ample time.

If, by chance, the pressure of your schedule makes it impossible to prepare a full-blown summary, we should be grateful for some rough notes listing the most important events. In that way, we could be sure that we do not fail to mention outstanding developments in Kentucky.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

Here is an interesting new pamphlet we have just got back from the printer.

We have all seen an excellent beginning in the Southern press in this direction. The pamphlet, we think, can do a good deal in the hands of working newspaper people and in the hands of the people to speed and sharpen the general movement for better.

I believe Mr. Walter Johnson of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will be mailing out copies to all the association's members. Meanwhile, I send you a couple ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Ave., N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you kindly for your own note the other day about my last mailing to you. Here is another.

This one can do a lot of good.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to distribute it to all its members.

Now I need to get it into the hands of a great many citizen-readers of the papers so that they can work a sort of running audit of the papers against the little green book.

Can't you see with me local committees going to see local editors and pointing out that this particular forefinger-touched-upon story violates the rules on page four and seven of the little book. It costs fifteen cents a copy.

Mr. Spaulding's company bought a thousand to send out to policy-holders.

Any chance that your Council would buy some to distribute? Yours would be a most useful group for the pamphlet to reach.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mr. Fred Brownlee
American Mission Association
The Board of Home Missions of the
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Brownlee:

If you will take a look at this new pamphlet, your experience and imagination will show you many uses for it.

May I draw on your experience and imagination for devices which will get it widely circulated?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Columbia University School of Journalism
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

How about glancing at your clock and marking aside three minutes for a careful look at this pamphlet?

It has long been needed in this part of the world. Incidentally, we got the notion from a glance many years ago at Headlines and Deadlines, which the Columbia School of Journalism must have had a hand in.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is distributing a copy to each of its members.

Our impecunious Council sells them for fifteen cents each. It was just printed four or five days ago.

We would be most grateful for anything you could do to help it get wider use.

There is the beginnings of a wave in the South for fairer treatment of race matters in the press. The little pamphlet, read, and widely used, can speed and sharpen that movement quite a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Bros. Fund
50 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

We are rejoicing prospectively in the success of this new pamphlet, just back from the printer only a few days ago.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to all its members. One of the large Negro life insurance companies has bought a thousand copies for distribution to policy-holders.

You can see that if we get it used in newspaper offices and read by key members of the public, a rather effective pressure can be set up in the South toward speeding a movement toward fairness in the press, already perceptible.

I thought you might want to send a copy on to this or that well wisher.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

We have high hopes for this newest pamphlet just back from the printer. Can I get you to contrive with me the best way to get it widely circulated?

You will see, at once, its usefulness. It is persuasively, not carpingly written, and with a touch of wit.

To our good fortune, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to send it out to all its members. Also, the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has bought a thousand copies and sent their check. They will mail it out to policy-holders.

Now the problem is to get it into the hands of newspaper readers so that they can work a sort of running audit of the papers against the rules in the little green book.

What neater small project for a church group than reading the pamphlet and sending a committee to talk with the editor about conforming with the book?

I am asking Baptist, Presbyterians, Civic Groups and everybody to undertake that. I now ask you to do what you can to unlimber the machinery of the Methodist Church in the South for this purpose.

We sell the pamphlet for fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

16 September 1949

Miss Charlotte Epstein
1622 Michigan Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Miss Epstein:

We are sorry for the delay in answering your letter which, having been addressed to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, has just come to us. The Commission merged with the Southern Regional Council in 1944.

The report you refer to, "Democratic Processes at Work in the South" was published by the Commission in 1941, and we regret that we do not have the information you requested.

In regard to programs in the secondary schools in the South, we have found that one of the most effective ways of developing healthier attitudes is to begin with the teachers first. For several years, an annual Institute on Race Relations has been held in New Orleans for teachers in both public and parochial, and white and Negro, schools. The Institute has been remarkably successful, and teachers in the New Orleans public schools are given academic credit for attendance. If you would like further information on this program, you might write to Mrs. Irving Cohn, 1122 Lowerline, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Other sources which might be able to help you are: The Anti-Defamation League, 11 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia; and the National Urban League, 1133 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of <u>America's Tenth Man</u>, a brief survey of the Negro's contributions to American life which we have found excellent for classroom use. Along with it, we are sending the August 1948 issue of our monthly magazine, <u>New South</u>, which contains an article on the general field of intercultural education and its application to the South. If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

September 16, 1949

Miss Georgia Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Furst:

This is a useful pamphlet and it is going to do a lot of good.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to all its members.

Our effort just now is to get it widely read by people who can, in local communities, work a sort of running audit of their papers against the little green book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mr. Lester Granger
National Urban League
1333 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Granger:

Here is a brand new pamphlet--one we have been trying for a good while to get completed.

We think it is really going to do a lot of good. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreen to send it out to all its members.

My next job is to get it into the hands of newspaper readers so that they, running a sort of audit of the local papers against the little green book, can push through some changes.

We strained our credit to get it printed, and we are anxious to sell blocks of it to help pay the printer's bill. I know the Urban League is not rich. Who is, these days? But, won't you consider whether you have any device to help us.

a. Pay the printer's bill
b. Get the pamphlet into Southern hands.

We sell the pamphlet for fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Rev. Mr. Louis Huckabee
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Huckabee:

I should like to express on behalf of all those who planned the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present our deepest gratitude for the kindness with which you and others connected with the church made things workable and agreeable.

We greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. Calvin Kytle
The Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

Any advice you could get for us on how we may interest the Georgia Press Association on Race in the News?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

16 September 1949

Mrs. Mary S. Lippmann
Horace Howard Furness Junior High School
Third and Mifflin Streets
Philadelphia 48, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Lippmann:

In reply to your request for materials on intercultural education, we are sending you under separate cover a copy of America's Tenth Man, a brief survey of the Negro's part in American life which we have found excellent for classroom use. Along with it, we are sending the August 1948 issue of New South, our monthly magazine, which contains an article on the general field of intercultural education and its application to the South.

I should imagine that the International Institute of Philadelphia could give you a great deal of help in planning your program. Also, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is well equipped to help with such requests. Their New York address is:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
New York Regional Office
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

September 16, 1949

Rev. Harrison McMains
1678 North Rock Springs Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McMains:

On behalf of all those who planned the meetings last week at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present, I should like to express our warmest gratitude for your kindness (and effectiveness) in managing the collection. It yielded a total of seven hundred and seventy dollars ($770.00) which made the difference between the series of meetings being closed in worry and being closed with all bills paid.

I have learned in my five years in Atlanta that you are one of the people who can always be counted on to play a full part in a good purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Meijer
2721 West North Avenue
Baltimore 16, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Meijer:

Here are three copies of our new pamphlet Race in the News. You remember you wrote me about it February 17, and I have been promising it along to you ever since. We just got it back from the printer.

Could you get a little committee to go to see the Baltimore Sun?

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is mailing the pamphlet to all its members, but I suppose the Sun is not a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Dr. A. C. Miller
301 Baptist Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Miller:

Here is a brand new pamphlet which we have just got out. Do please take a few minutes to look through it.

As you will have seen, a movement is already under way in the South for the press to be more attentive on Negro news. This pamphlet can speed and shape the movement quite a lot.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it all to all its members.

One of the major Negro life insurance companies has bought a thousand copies to distribute to policy-holders.

I am trying to get other companies to do the same (the price is fifteen cents straight).

The little pamphlet is basis for an easy, hardly controversial, and certainly rewarding, local action program. The papers will have had it and somebody on the paper will have read it. Now if citizens will read it and visit the papers and ask for better compliance with the rules in the little green book, that will do just a whole lot.

I would be most grateful for anything you might do to help us get it in use in your area.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Father Vincent O'Connell
Notre Dame Seminary
2901 South Carrollton Ave.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Father O'Connell:

If, in your busy life, you can take five good minutes to look at this little pamphlet, you will see itpossesses a real opportunity for a lot of good to be done.

There is already a movement tolerably started in the South for better behavior on this point by the papers.

This pamphlet can speed and steer the movement.

We sell it at fifteen cents a copy.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to all the association's members. Also, one of the big Negro life insurance companies (North Carolina Mutual) has bought a thousand copies and sent the check. They will mail it out to policy holders.

I have written Bishop Waters and I have sent Paul Williams ten copies and asked him to consider writing to any others he thought were suitable.

I am also pushing for help from the vari us Protestant denominations.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mr. Lester Pursells
1083 Blueridge Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Les:

You and your ushers were good eggs and mighty helpful. Thank you a whole lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Mr. Hiden Ramsey
Asheville Citizen-Times
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

I have been promising you off and on for a long time this pamphlet which is at last done and back from the printer.

I do hope you will like it.

I understand Mr. Walter Johnson of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association will mail it out to all the association's members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Company
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

How very kind that was of you to send your check for fifty dollars.

It helps us greatly to have that good stiff sum.

I shall hope also that the Board will like the pamphlet. We really think it is going to be one of the most effective things the Council has ever done--not just the printing of the pamphlet but the pushing of a movement for getting courtesy and fairness into the Southern papers.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 16, 1949

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Waters:

Here is our latest pamphlet just back from the printer. I do hope you can find a moment to go through it. It can do a lot of good.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to send it out to all its members.

Now my problem is to get it into the hands of local people who will, in a friendly way, steer their newspapers toward observing the simple rules laid out in the little green book.

If you can help me get it known and used, we would be most grateful.

The price on it is fifteen cents a copy.

I look forward to our Thanksgiving occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 16, 1949

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I wrote Bishop Waters in this vein.

I wonder if you would care to write some letters to such other dignitaries in your church who could help.

I thought of Archbishop Rummel and Bishop Gerow.

I have sent a copy of the pamphlet with a letter, copy enclosed, to Father Vincent O'Connell.

I am asking the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., variously, to do what they can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 19, 1949

Dr. W. Russell Bowie
Union Theological Seminary
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Bowie:

I don't know whether your memory will bring my name to you out of Richmond days.

The little pamphlet that our Council has just got out gives us all a chance to get somet ing useful moving in the South.

We are getting it into the hands of newspaper people in all the thirteen Southern states. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is doing that for us. That will give the newspaper offices use of the pamphlet, both as a manual on the copy editor's desk and as a teaching document for reporters.

Now the problem is to get it widely read by interested citizens in the South. We are mailing out four thousand copies to our members and subscribers in a few days, but that is a drop in the bucket. One of the large Negro life insurance companies has already bought a thousand copies to send out to policy-holders. I have written Dr. Daniel A. Poling of the Christian Herald and Mr. Paul Hutchinson of the Christian Century, sending them copies and telling them what it is. We are getting our main people in the various states to talk with effective persons in the various religious denominations. We have interested the southern states Council of Church Women at the big meeting here last week which Mrs. Roosevelt attended.

After the pamphlet has reached local people, the next thing is to get them busy with committees, preferably of both races, to go and see editors and ask for greater conformity to the simple rules laid

down in the little green book.

I know this is the sort of thing you will see the possibilities of. I should greatly like to enlist your friendly support for the movement and your help whereever you may care to give it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 19, 1949

Mr. A. T. Butler
Palmetto State Teachers Association
1515 Harden Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Here is a new pamphlet we have just done.

It should help greatly to roll ahead a little tide that shows itself now of fairer treatment in the white press.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to send a copy to each of its members. One of the major Negro life insurance companies has bought a thousand copies to distribute to policyholders. The Negro teachers in Georgia, through their offices, are discussing purchase of a thousand for their distribution. I am asking various church groups to buy it in blocks also.

I am sure the Palmetto State Teachers Association is not over rich, and I have heard that you are in a period of special strain just now. Still, I thought I would send you a couple of copies and see if you could suggest some special way in which we could get the pamphlet distributed widely in South Carolina. The thing is a manual of correct practice and needs, therefore, to be in continuous use on copy editors' desks. Additionally, there is need for a sort of running audit of the papers against this little book. You see what that could mean if the book reaches the hands of very large numbers of citizen-readers.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 19, 1949

Mr. Horace Cayton
c/o Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Horace:

I offer as possible grist for your column this pamphlet freshly delivered as by the printer.

We think it can be one of the most useful things our small show has ever done.

By fortunate cooperation from the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, we are assured that it will reach every paper in the South. That means editors will have a chance to consider it from a policy point of view; copy desk men can keep it handy for use as a manual; and reporting staffs can be instructed by it.

We are doing all we can to get it into the hands of interested newspaper readers throughout the South. That effort will for the first time provide in the South a standard of good useage against which the up to this time formless and embittered sense of injury under current practices, can be audited.

Some small beginnings have been made in recent years by a few papers in the South toward air and courteous coverage. This little booklet can speed and focus that movement quite a lot.

I do hope you will like what we have done and find some way to push it along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 19, 1949

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

It was a pleasure to see you again, albeit briefly, during the recent conference.

As Mrs. Tilly has perhaps written you, your presentation Thursday afternoon was a valuable one. It would be most helpful if we had something in writing on the Teacher Institute. For now, a compressed summary which we could mimeograph on two or three pages would serve nicely.

Could you spare the time to prepare such a summary for me? I think we could put it to good use in getting the pattern spread over the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 19, 1949

Mr. E. R. Embree
John Hay Whitney Foundation
Rockefeller Center
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Embree:

This new one is nice and is going to do some good.

Already the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to mail it out to all its members. Also the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has bought a thousand copies for distribution to policy-holders (and sent the check!).

Our scheme is to use it in two ways:

1. In newspaper offices as a manual and teaching document for new reporters.
2. In the hands of Southern readers of the papers as something they can audit the papers against.

A detectable tide is setting in in the South for better newspaper handling of these matters. It is interesting that we were told on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association that they had had a lot of requests lately for something that can steer editors on how to do. So, we think this little pamphlet can greatly speed a movement which can contribute mightily to general improvement.

Our friends on the Chattanooga papers are sending copies to Mr. and Mrs. Sulzberger. I thought perhaps you might have some opportunity to do this or that that would get the pamphlet whatever national notice it deserves.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 19, '49

Mr. Henry S. Huntington
324 South Smedley Street
Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Dear Mr. Huntington,

The Georgia case goes back to the Virginia cases. They are best summarized in the enclosed copy of New South.

I have little information on the Virginia cases other than the King George one. A most interesting decision by Judge Huteginson in the Gloucester case was made about six months ago, and has floated about in mimeographed copies. I have only one. Perhaps it is in the law reports by now. He had the problem of whether he as a judge had authority to allow any postponement of conformity with principles long established by the Supreme Court. He did a neat turn: found the School Board then guilty of contempt of his previous order for equalization, told them he would assess penalty at a stated date some months later, and at that time, before assessing penalty, would be interested to hear what they had done in the qay of equalizing. Case is Alice Lorraine Ashley, an infact, etc., at al, v. School Board of Gloucester County (Va.) Civil Action No. 178, in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Newport News Division.. Dates (in mimeographed version) Richmond, Va., January 13,'49.

The sequel to the KIng George case is in the Richmond Times-Despatch for Sept. 3, '49. In an AP story the local NAACP leaders were quoted as saying, at the time of the dedication of the new school that day, that it looked as though application could be made to drop all proceedings in that case. The school was "the new $150.000 Ralph Bunche High School for Negroes. The principal speaker, Dr. Alonzo Moron, President of Hampton I stitute, was given the delicious quote "the mandate of the court had been observed with graciousness". He noted that the equalizatiion fight had left "no trace of bitterness". Bunche, in a wire to the occasion, said, inter alia, "I would be very happy indeed if this new school were for the youth of all races and colors. But I realize that the Negro

must take advantage of what is available to him".

Plenty of native white Georgians who agree with what is being done in the Irwin Case. The thousand or more white members of the Georgia Interracial Commission (affiliated with SRC) agree. Many in the school system agree. Here's an editorial from this morning's Constitution. One yesterday, or day before, I believe, in the Atlanta Journal said that so far from the State of Georgia thinking of putting any money into helping Irwin County defend the suit whatever money the State might scrape up ought to be put into equalizing the schools. (The State officials have said they couldn't help pay for the suit, as the State was not a party, but they have offered legal advice to the County).

The suits (of this kind) may be expected to be introduced in each Southern State. There's one in in Arkansas, and I believe one's cooking in South Carolina. There's one in in Durham, N.C.

My own view would be that it is healthy and right for one or more such suits to go in in each State. Of course the right thing for Counties, Cities, and States to do is to follow the precedent which N.C. set seven or eight years ago at the time of the successful suits in Va. on equalization of salaries. There the Gov. called in a group (a large group) of Negro leaders, and said that he had read the decisions, knew what they meant, and hoped that NC had sufficient resources of statesmanship to avoid the lawsuit method. For his part he bound the State to equalize over a five year period, twenty per cent a year. He expressed the hope that there would be no lawsuits in N.C, saying he re lized that his visitors had entire freedom of choice on that point. Salaries were equalized, there were no lawsuits, the white people are proud of their achievement, and the Negro citizen-body is the prouder of their State.

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Indeed you are wrong in thinking that most Southerners would argue that the Negroes would take poor care of good schools. I've never even heard that suggested. (No, I'm not a touchy defender of the status quo).

must take advantage of what is available to him".

Plenty of native white Georgians who agree with what is being done in the Irwin Case. The thousand or more white members of the Georgia Interracial Commission (affiliated with SNC) agree. Most people I know would be glad to write to Collins if they thought you might be willing to do so. I don't know how many more necessary people there are in the State, but they shrink from writing it because they think you may be too much of a lone wolf. People will give you the strength but they shrink from writing it because they are thinking of putting any money into helping Irwin County defend the suit. (The State officials have said they couldn't help pay for the suit, as the State is not a party, but they have offered legal advice to the County).

If we could be sure that we would like your letter, we would get you details. Sincerely,

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September 19, 1949

Mr. Paul Hutchinson
Christian Century Foundation
407 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Recently I talked with Mr. Forrest C. Weir here in Atlanta about ways in which we could get known and used this new small pamphlet Race in the News which I enclose.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is sending out copies to all its members. This will get it into the hands of newspaper editors and staffs, where it can serve as a manual on the copy editors's desks and as a teaching document for new reporters.

Now we want to get it into the hands of citizen-readers in the South, especiall in the hands of those people who will be sensitive to the issues involved.

That done, the next thing is to get committees, made up of local citizens preferably from both races, to visit the editors, book in hand, and ask for conformity by their papers with the simple rules laid down in the pamphlet.

Race in the News, constructively and not carpingly written, takes full account of the people's problems, and you will see that it has the leaven of a little wit.

A movement is already underway in the South for fairer and more courteous treatment of Negro news. We want to speed this movement and make it exact.

Through our own field forces, we are doing what we can to get this known, and we would greatly welcome whatever help the Christian

Century could give. We thought perhaps, there would be an editorial note or maybe an article.

The pamphlet is fifteen cents a copy.

We do hope this idea can have your approval and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 19, 1949

Mr. A. J. Liebling
c/o The New Yorker
25 W. 43rd Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Liebling:

Having enjoyed your perceptive writings on the "Wayward Press," we felt you would be interested in this most recent publication of the Southern Regional Council -- Race in the News.

We have tried, ina persuasive rather than carping tone, to show the inconsistencies and discourtesies of current practices. More important, we have set out simple rules of good journalism and good taste in the handling of racial news.

The trend toward fairer practices is already underway in Southern newspapers. This is an attempt to speed it up and guide it in the right direction. The pamphlet is being widely distributed among newspaper men and lay people, who will be urged to keep a running audit of their local newspapers.

Any help or suggestions you might give us on getting the pamphlet better known will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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September 19, 1949

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt College
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Frank:

Mighty nice of you to write about the meeting. It was a honey.

I will be in Chicago November 3-5 for the meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations, staying at the Shoreland.

Do hope I can get to see you and Mildred.

We are all right.

GWES is doing pretty nicely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

September 19, 1949

Mr. Ralph McGill
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

You will undoubtedly receive from Mrs. Tilly the thanks of the Southern Regional Council for your valuable participation last week in the southwide Conference of Church Women.

I should just like to add a note of gratitude for the help and cooperation of the Constitution in publicising the meeting.

Mrs. Celestine Sibley and Miss Shirley Ziegler reported the sessions admirably, and Mrs. Doris Lockerman was helpful in more ways than one.

We look forward to equally pleasant cooperation with the Constitution in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 19, 1949

Dr. Daniel A. Poling
The Christian Herald Association
27 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Poling:

I just talked with Mr. Forrest C. Weir here in Atlanta about ways in which our Council could get known and used this new small pamphlet Race in the News.

We want to get it into the hands of newspaper editors and staffs. There it can serve as a manual on a copy editor's desk and as a teaching document for new reporters. A long step toward that has been taken through the kindness of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, which is sending it out to each of its members.

The next thing is to get it into the hands of newspaper readers in the South--of course, mostly in the hands of people who will be sensitive to the issues involved.

That done, the next thing is to get local citizen committees, preferably from both races, to bestir themselves toward conformity by their papers with the simple standards laid down in the little green book. We have already had proof that committee visits to editors, book in hand, do a lot of good.

The pamphlet itself is constructively and not carpingly written. It takes full account of the problems of thepeople, and you will see that it has the leaven of a little wit.

Fortunately, a good many Southern papers are already doing a lot better than they did a few years ago. A perceptible movement is already underway. What we want to do is speed it and make it exact.

We are doing what we can through our own Council's field forces to get this known, and we would greatly welcome whatever help the Christian Herald could give. We thought, perhaps, there would be an editorial note or maybe an article.

We offer the pamphlet at fifteen cents a copy.

I do hope this idea can have your approval and help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 19, 1949

Right Reverend Beverly Dandridge Tucker
c/o Right Reverend Carl M. Block
1025 Tailor Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Bishop Tucker:

The little pamphlet that our Council has just got out gives us all a chance to get something useful moving in the South.

We are getting it into the hands of newspaper people in all the thirteen Southern states. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is doing that for us. That will give the newspaper offices use of the pamphlet, both as a manual on the copy editor's desk and as a teaching document for reporters.

Now the problem is to get it widely ready by interested citizens in the South. We are mailing out four thousand copies to our members and subscribers in a few days, but that is a drop in the bucket. One of the large Negro life insurance companies has already bought a thousand copies to send out to policy-holders. I have written Dr. Daniel A. Poling of the Christian Herald and Mr. Paul Hutchinson of the Christian Century, sending them copies and telling them what it is. We are getting our main people in the various states to talk with effective persons in the various religious denominations. We have interested the southern states Council of Church Wo en at the big meeting here last week which Mrs. Roosevelt attended.

After the pamphlet has reached local people, the next thing is to get them busy with committees, preferably of both races, to go and see editors and ask for greater conformity to the simple rules laid down in the little green book.

I know this is the sort of thing you will see the possibilities of. I should greatly like to enlist your friendly support for the movement and your help whereever you may care to give it.

Mrs. Henry Havens of the Department of Christian Social Relations, who is there in San Francisco, will be interested on behalf of this idea.

I take the liberty of writing you in order that you also should understand it. This is a good distance from Ohio these days, but I know your heart will be in a purpose of this kind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 19, 1949

Wilma
O. ~~von~~ Van Dusseldorf
Alpharetta, Georgia

Dear Miss von Dusseldorf:

Many thanks for your donation of September 12.

We are entering for you and Miss Maddox a one-year subscription to New South, our monthly publication, and hope you will like it.

Please call on us if we can be of any service to you. We do appreciate your remembering us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 19, 1949

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to send you a copy of the pamphlet Race in the News, just published by the Southern Regional Council.

As you know, the change to fairer practices in the handling of racial news has been gaining headway in the South in recent years. This booklet is intended to encourage and guide that already existing trend. It discusses current practices and, more important, sets out simple rules of good journalism and good taste as a guide to style.

It occurred to us that Race in the News would be a useful aid in the curriculum of Southern schools of journalism -- either as a supplementary text or as a reference manual. We should be happy to supply additional copies at fifteen cents per copy.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 20, 1949

Mr. Douglass Cater
c/o The Reporter
220 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Doug:

Please forgive this long delay in answering your last letter. We have been snowed under here the last couple of weeks with a Southwide Conference of Church Women, at which Mrs. Roosevelt was the guest of honor. It went off very well and, I think, will bear good fruit.

I see by the most recent issue of The Reporter that you have been busy too. That was quite an assignment you took on. A swell job of reporting, too.

Doug, I don't know whether or not you're still contemplating a profile of Col. Palmer. I hope so. Anyway, here are a couple of suggestions. Don C. Shoemaker, editor of the Asheville (N. C.) Citizen, might be a good possibility. He is in the area, has the necessary background, would know Palmer, and is supposed to have a lot on the ball. All that is important, since half the story of Palmer lies in the peculiarities of that area.

I don't know if John Popham, Southeastern correspondent for the New York Times, ever does any magazine stuff or not. I do know that he is a very able guy with plenty of information under his belt. He works out from the Chattanooga Times and can be written there.

Most notable Southern profiler just now is Harold Martin, of the Atlanta Constitution. No doubt he would do a good job, but I fear he has been spoiled by the fat fees from the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's, et al. Better yet, why don't you prowl around down there and do the piece yourself?

I'll try to do better on the story ideas. Meanwhile, I'm sending separately our two latest products. The pamphlet Race in the News looks very promising. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has agreed to send a copy to each of its 425 members.

All the best,

September 20, 1949

Mrs. Lettie S. Galloway
2018 Clifton Road
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Galloway:

We are delighted to have you as a Fellow and appreciate your kindness in filling out the form.

I send you, forthwith, a copy of our latest pamphlet which we have had back from the printer only a few days and have not as yet mailed out generally. We think it will be one of the most useful things we have ever done.

It can carry with it a local action program; committees should now visit the various papers and ask for conformity with the rules in the little green book. The pamphlet is just now being mailed to all the Southern papers by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

Whatever you can do to get us some more members, we would be most grateful for. I send you ten of our recruitment leaflets.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 20, 1949

Mr. George Goodwin
Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

I am enclosing all the figures we could obtain on the number of agricultural school graduates.

The U.S. Office of Education could not help and the Board of Control of the Regional Council on Education came to our rescue to this extent.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

September 20, 1949

Dr. Sinclair Jacobs
Jacobs Pharmacy Co., Inc.
77 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Jacobs:

Early last week, those of us who were working out the meetings at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present had some dark hours. Interest in the meetings was very great. Properly managed, it could obviously launch a most useful movement for better law enforcement in the South. Yet, we were greatly worried over how we would pay bills, traveling expenses, and the other costs of getting the group together.

At which point, the tide turned with the welcome flow of checks that reached us through your kindness. We thank you for your own generous gift and for the understanding which prompted your help in a time of need.

As it turned out, with this help we were able to clear all the bills and to have a small sum left for pushing ahead with the work with church women in the coming months.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 20, 1949

Miss Helen V. Knowles
Young Women's Christian Association
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Knowles:

I will be happy to do anything I can in helping your Miss Mary Alice Thomas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 20, 1949

Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger
Touro Synagogue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Leipziger:

Thank you for your letter of September 16 to Dr. George Mitchell.

I am sorry to say that we do not have at our fingertips the kind of material you need. We do have, however, some leads which I will follow up immediately.

The training program of the Jacksonville, Fla., police force last year included a lecture on police and minority groups. I shall do my best to secure a copy of the lecture and send it to you.

We know that, as of two years ago, race relations was part of the training course of the Greensboro, N. C. , police force. I shall also undertake to get for you more specific information about that program.

The Atlanta Office of the Anti-Defamation League, which cooperates very helpfully with us, has some information about the training program in Miami Beach, Fla., which I am asking them to send you.

Actually, very little has been done as yet in this field, but we shall be glad to collect as much information as we can and forward it to you. Perhaps, too, the Council can soon do more to stimulate a more self-critical attitude on the part of Southern policemen.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

906 Lullwater Road
Atlanta, Georgia
September 20, 1949

Mr. J. D. Makinson, P.T.M.
Seaboard Railroad
147 Granby Street
Norfolk 10, Virginia

Dear Mr. Makinson:

The passenger agent on the northbound Comet the night of September 16, after receiving my complaints about the seat charge now in effect, told me that you were aboard the train and attempted to put me in touch with you; but later, he told me that you had retired.

I am a plain fare paying rider on your trains. That seat charge is an irritation. A good many members of the public consider it simply an indirect device for raising the price of a ticket. It is enough, now and then, to tip my wavering decision to the bus or the plane instead of the train.

Your passenger agent was of the view that the Seaboard had resisted the charge. It was pointed out to me that the car that makes the whole journey entirely on your tracks is free of the charge (and I rode that car!)

Nevertheless, I send in this protest as a member of the public.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

September 20, 1949

Mr. Richard Rich
45 Broad Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rich:

The various ones concerned with planning the meetings which occurred last week (when Mrs. Roosevelt was present) had been increasingly worried by the financial responsibilities which grew as the meetings drew nearer. It was obvious that there was a wide spread wish within the religious forces in the South to concert a program which would strengthen the cause of law enforcement and equal justice. From a modest beginning, we pretty soon had a major occasion on our hands.

This is why your generous gift of a hundred dollars and the part you played in getting others to come to our help was so very much appreciated. With this help, we were able to go through the meetings with peace of mind, to be able to pay all the bills, and to have left over a small sum that will be used to further a follow up program.

On behalf of us all, our warmest thanks to you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 20, 1949

Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Director
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street, Room 202
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thanks a lot for the names. They will help us.

I want to get with you soon and swap program plans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 20, 1949

Mrs. M. L. Stroud
2900 Bosque Boulevard
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

What a very nice letter with its welcome check for ten dollars from the Waco Commission on Interracial Cooperation. It comes in when we are particularly pressed for money, and we are most grateful for it.

It has been our practice in contributions of this kind to provide in partial return, several subscriptions to New South. Therefore, we are entering three subscriptions in your name and will, henceforth, send the three copies to you. If you would prefer that we send one to you and others to particular officers of the Waco Commission, let us know and we will do that.

I am supposing the Waco Commission is an intergroup part of the Texas Interracial Commission. Since the Texas Commission is formally affiliated with the Council, I suppose your formal link is through it. It is a little embarrassing for both the Council and the local or state commission to approach people for dues. The Council has about two hundred direct members in Texas, I believe, and, of course, we would like to have more. At the same time we try to be most careful not to stand in the way at all of local groups. We have a similar situation in Georgia where, for the two thousand members of the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Council merely tries to get them to subscribe to New South. The subscription price of it is only $1.50 per year. If you are so disposed, you might take up with the membership of the Waco Commission whether they would wish to subscribe individually or in a block to New South.

I have been working some with Mr. Carter Wesley toward greater activity by the Council in your general area, and I am in hopes that in a short while we can do a good deal more. The truth is we are so poor at the moment that I can't afford the cultivation work that would greatly increase our usefulness.

We are still rejoicing in last week's meetings of Southern church women at which Mrs. Roosevelt was the headline speaker. Mrs. Crate was here and was quite a help. Among other things, we launched the new pamphlet, which I enclose, Race in the News. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is getting it into the hands of all its members. Now, we want not only to get it into the hands of readers of the papers but to also get local groups to watch the papers and, from time to time, point out in committee visits to editors the lapses from the standards laid down in the little green book. I wonder if you or the Waco Commission would not care to take on that job for Waco. It won't raise a fuss; it isn't political; it is in the best spirit of Southern cooperation; and it will do a remarkable amount of good.

I am glad the meeting is to be in Waco this year. Let me know ahead of time, and I will do my best to have the pleasure of being there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

To the Board Members

This, we have sent out, as you will see, to the heads of each state committee.

Please do what you can yourself to get the pamphlet widely known and read.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible]A

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 20, 1949

To the Heads of all State Divisions and Affiliated Interracial Committees

Dear Sir:

Here is a chance to get something effective rolling in many communities.

The new pamphlet Race in the News will go to all Council members in a few days time. Meanwhile, here is a copy for you.

A good many Southern newspapers in the last several years have been doing a lot better on coverage and handling of news about Negroes. This pamphlet gives a way to speed and focus a movement already started within the press of the South.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is sending a copy to each of its members. That makes it certain that newspaper offices will have it. They can use it on copy editors' desks as a manual, and they can use it as a teaching document for reporters and other staff persons.

In the hands of interested newspaper readers, you can see that the pamphlet will provide, for the first time, a standard against which day to day handling by the papers can be checked.

Quite the best device will be for local committees, preferably drawn from both races, to visit newspaper officials and ask for whatever change in the direction of the pamphlet the papers can arrange.

We can not, directly from this office, get that done. You can.

Please consider carefully how best to do it in your own state. One thing we greatly hope for is that you will reach out to responsible church bodies in your state and get their cooperation in the

follow-up with the papers. The church women know about it through the meetings last week here in Atlanta. If you can, you should arrange to have appropriate people interview the heads of the various religious denominations in your state and ask for their cooperation. Local churches or local councils of ministers or of church people could and should make this effort a project. It will do a lot of good, and there is little likelihood that any one's special sensibility will be brought to the fore.

Many other kinds of civic groups might well be brought to take an interest in speeding this movement.

The Council can supply more copies of Race in the News at fifteen cents each.

Will you be good enough to write me what you plan to do?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

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September 21, '49

Mr. Paul Susser
1466 - 49th Street
Brooklyn 19, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Susser,

Thank you for your card.

I send you several thingsthat may be useful.

American's Tenth Man has been popular as a simple introduction. We sell it and Singers in the Dawn for ten cents each.

Perhaps you would like to join our Council, as an Associate Member. Blank in the brown-map leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

September 22, 1949

Chief of Police
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

For several years now, the Southern Regional Council has kept as accurate a record as possible of the employment of colored policemen in Southern cities. This information has been much in demand. It has proved particularly helpful to chiefs of police and other officials in those cities considering adding Negro policemen as an aid to law enforcement in the colored community.

A news item in the Raleigh Times, September 14 stated that the Fayetteville City Council has named Negroes to serve on the City Police Department. To insure that our list is correct, it is our policy to request official confirmation from the chiefs of police concerned.

We shall greatly appreciate your cooperation in filling out the attached questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:nh

September 22, 1949

Airmail

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I sent off yesterday six hundred copies of what we call the "punch" pamphlet, copy enclosed.

I am ashamed to say it slipped my mind that I had undertaken to send you some. I do hope they are the ones I was to send. If not, let me know speedily.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 22, 1949

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Our Executive Committee met August 31. They were told that by oversight no standing resolutions committee had been appointed at last year's annual meeting.

They, therefore, undertook to recommend names for a resolutions committee to be acted upon by the membership at the meeting November 9. They selected as Chairman, Mr. Marion Wright and yourself and Miss Josephine Wilkins.

I have the pleasure of giving you this advance notice that the membership meeting will ask you to be kind enough to serve in that capacity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. L. L. Jarvis
Chief of Police
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Chief Jarvis:

Two years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting you and discussing with you the performance of Negro policemen in your city. I recall that you told me at that time that instruction in race relations was a part of your regular police training program. If that is still the case, I should greatly appreciate it if you could write me briefly about the type of instruction offered.

We receive more and more frequently requests for information from civic minded citizens and police officials about precedents in this field. It would be most helpful if we could refer them to what one progressive city like Greensboro is doing.

We shall greatly appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Joseph Lohman
American Council on Race Relations
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lohman:

We receive, from time to time, requests for information about police training programs in the South which include instruction on minority groups. We know of a few scattered cases of this kind.

It occurred to us that you might be able to supply us with more complete information. We should be most interested to know of any Southern cities which include in their police training programs courses on race relations, one or two lectures on the special problems of minority groups, instruction in special techniques for avoiding mob violence and interracial friction, or anything of this kind.

We shall be most grateful for any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Philip S. Ogilvie, Executive Secretary
The Catholic Committee of the South
7927-A St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ogilvie:

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held in Atlanta, November 9. We expect that the Board of Directors will also meet on November 10.

It has never been customary for the Council to schedule a night meeting on the day of its membership meeting. Therefore, the night of November 9 is certain to be free of any Southern Regional Council demand upon the time of persons present.

We suppose that the Board Meeting on November 10 will be over by 3:30 that afternoon.

If we can help you in any way, let us know.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Ben Stark
Jewish Community Council
212 West Forsythe Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Stark:

Some time ago, we learned that you were to give a lecture to the Jacksonville Police Department on the police and minority groups. It was our privilege to supply some material which we thought you might be able to use.

I wonder if it is possible for us to secure a copy of your lecture? We receive, from time to time, requests for material of this kind which might be useful in stimulating police departments to include some such instructions in their training programs. Our most recent request was from Rabbi Emil Leipziger of New Orleans.

We shall be most grateful to you for this help.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 22, 1949

Dr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

Thank you for your report on the past year in Tennessee. It is an excellent summary and it serves our purpose exactly.

We are most grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The Hampton Institute inauguration is Saturday, October 29, 1949.

They will have at Hampton a conference beginning Thursday evening, October 27, on "The College, the Negro, and Industry," but the Council need only supply an official representative to be present at the inauguration ceremonies on Saturday, October 29.

I think it would be excellent for the Council to be represented there, and you are clearly the right person to go. If you can undertake it, let me know, and I will notify Hampton that you will be our representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

In Chicago, you would get useful advice from Frank McCallister, Roosevelt College. Frank is a long time socialist, now teaching labor education at Roosevelt College, lived in Atlanta for years, and knows the Council. His Georgia Workers Education Service had much help from the Rosenwald Fund, as did Roosevelt College.

I frequently heard Dr. Alexander say that his approach to Marshall Field was through Mr. Louis Weiss.

Mrs. Tilly called me yesterday and said two or three people have asked for your introduction to Mrs. Roosevelt; in particular, an Atlanta Methodist parson thought it most beautiful. You had it written out. Could you send us it and the other one for the morning meeting too, for this use and that?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

September 22, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council August 31, it came out that by oversight no standing resolutions committee had been named. The Executive Committee thereupon undertook to recommend to the Membership Meeting which will convene November 9, 1949, the election of you as Chairman and Mrs. Grace Hamilton of Atlanta and Miss Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta as a Resolutions Committee.

Therefore, I have the pleasure of giving you this advance notice of the probability that you will again sit at a special table. Perhaps, this year they will give you some business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 23, 1949

Dr. W. A. Bell
Miles College
Birmingham 8, Alabama

Dear Dr. Bell:

Your arithmetic is indeed correct. A total of twelve dollars has been received from you this year and one additional dollar will make a full contribution of ten dollars plus dues of three dollars.

You have sent us ten dollars in February which we have credited to contribution. Later on we billed you for dues and you wrote you were under the impression that you had sent us dues also in February. We replied that we had credited the ten dollars which you had sent to contribution but would be glad to divert three dollars of it to dues if you so wished. A letter from you evidently crossed ours in the mails sending us two dollars additional. This was of course thereupon credited to dues, but it came after we had already sent you the receipt showing seven dollars contribution and three dollars dues. I hope this is now cleared up, for I can see that it must have been confusing to you.

With all good wishes

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 23, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
Embassy Hotel
610 Poik Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Here is a dismal matter.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on August 31 wrestled with the current great shortage of money. If the Council runs on at its current (budgeted) rate of expenditure to the end of the year, it will be perhaps twelve or fourteen thousand dollars in debt at the end (unless funds in addition to what we are certain to get come in).

We had some hope that an emergency four or five thousand dollars would be found in the early part of September. I still think it is coming, but it has not yet been received. The Executive Committee ordered that if by September 20 we did not have such a sum in hand or in sight, the staff was to be cut to a skeleton basis in order that the debt would be lessened.

As the money was not in hand or clearly in sight September 20, I had the unhappy duty of giving thirty days notice to a good part of the staff. I am sorry to say the list had to include your name. Of course, as I am not getting the notice to you before September 26, the technical date would be a month from then.

The real situation is that we are at low point in cash just at a time when our expectations are remarkably good. I shan't detail the various irons that Paul Williams has in the fire. I recall also the directions in which you are working. Then too, Mr. Byrd began his work today. My own expectation is that before October 20, we will have enough money in hand to see our way through to the end of the year and beyond. Nevertheless, I had to do what the Committee laid out.

Please don't be unduly alarmed; I think we are going to come through handily. Still I do have to warn of that cut if late in October we are still as shy of cash as we are now.

I and the Committee and all of us think the world of the work you do, and we are straining to find the money to keep you and your work a continuing part of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 23, 1949

Journal of Social Issues
347 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send us the following:

Spring 1949 (Volume V, No.2)

Please find enclosed seventy-five cents ($.75) in stamps to cover cost of same.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Norma Huff

NH:wgd

September 23, 1949

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Department of Statistics
1 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

Your local office here in Atlanta has referred us to you with reference to obtaining the following statistics for the most recent national mortality rates, giving a break-down by race: national death rate, infant death rate, maternal death rate, death from heart disease, nephritis, cerebral hemorrhage, embolism, thrombosis, influenza pneumonia, cancer, pellagra, typhoid, whooping cough, syphilis, and tuberculosis.

We will appreciate any help you can give us in obtaining these figures. If your office can supply us with them, we shall be glad to pay any charge.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

September 23, 1949

National Office of Vital Statistics
U. S. Public Health Service
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send us the following:

U. S. Summary of Vital Statistics, 1947
Special Reports, Vol. 3, No. 1
September 15, 1949

We shall be glad to pay the charge for this volume.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

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September 23, 1949

Mr. Gil Rowland, Managing Editor
Greenville Piedmont
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rowland:

The letter from Mr. J. M. Dabbs, chairman of our South Carolina Division tells me of your desire to organize a chapter of the Southern Regional Council in Greenville. Naturally we are much interested and very eager to anything that we can do to help you.

At Mr. Dabbs request I am sending you under separate cover an assortment of from six to twenty-five copies each of our publications which may be of help to you. Please let me know if you need more of any of them. I am also enclosing a list of our current Greenville membership.

With heartiest good wishes for your uncertaking I am

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs

September 23, 1949

Mrs. M. L. Stroud
2900 Bosgne Boulevard
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

We were most greatful for the ten dollars sent in by the Waco Interracial Commission. Always needed, this gift was especially so at this time and I hope you will convey to the Commission our pleasure in their gift.

As for the dues question I will now try to do better than I did in my last letter to you. Your check which reached us on April 5, 1948 paid you from March 1947 through March 1948 which means that you now owe for dues two dollars March 1948 through March 1949 and three dollars for March 1949 through 1950, or a total of five dollars. The three dollars for 1949 is due to the increase which went into effect last November at the membership meeting.

There is no extra charge for New South. This comes to you as part of your membership in the Council. As Dr. Mitchell stated in his letter to you we would like to send you three additional copies of New South which you may like to pass on to other members of your Commission. Or if you wish these sent direct, please let us know, and who is to receive them and we shall be glad to set it up in this way.

With every good wish I am

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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September 23, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Henry Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

In my last communication I sent you copies of biographical material on all members of the Executive Committee excepting Monsignor McNamara. Material has now been sent in for him, too, and I now send it along to you with copies to your committee.

It now appears that there will be at least one certain vacancy to be filled on the Executive Committee come November. In all likelihood our counsel, Mr. Haas will become an ex-officio member of the Committee. As you will see by the minutes when you receive them the Committee voted at its last meeting to request this action of the Board so that the counsel's advice will always be immediately available in any deliberations and so that he may not be lost to the Committee through rotation in his Board membership. If any other vacancies loom between now and the meeting I will of course advise you.

I do hope you have had a pleasant summer. With all good wishes,

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure
cc: Mrs. Spearman,
Mr. John Griffith
Mrs. Lillian Jackson

September 23, 1949

Mr. Carter Wesley
Freedmen's Publishing Co.
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I will try to give you all the details on the pledges. The amounts pledged at the meeting on June 8, 1949, were as follows:

Mr. Paul Williams	$1,500
Mr. Leonard Haas	500
Mr. Carter Wesley	500
Dr. Guy Johnson	500
Dr. Charles Johnson	500
*Miss Josephine Wilkins	200
Mr. J. H. Wheeler	500

On June 9, I sent out to each of the above a letter asking return to me of a signed pledge letter which could be used as a basis for a loan, should that become necessary. You will recall that I subsequently sent each of these persons another letter emphasizing your views as expressed in your letter to me of June 11, and stating my agreement with that expression.

The following only returned signed pledge letters:

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
**Mr. J. H. Wheeler

Leonard Haas' pledge came with a notation that any sums paid or raised by him prior to such and such a date would lessen equivalently the amount of his pledge

*In Miss Wilkins' case, the liability was expressly contingent upon inability of the Council to meet its prospective note without payment from her.

**Expressed intent to raise $500.00, and willingness to sign a pledge letter if necessary.

As it turned out, we were able to limp through the summer with the help of the anonymous $2,500 from New York and by getting one of our Methodist Chruch contributors to move up from next spring to August 1949, the date of a contribution of a thousand dollars which they annually make to us.

It is clear to me that in almost all cases, those who made pledges at the meeting of June 9 hoped to raise from sources other than themselves the sums in question. Thus, I feel certain that in the case of Paul Williams that the $1500 which he pledged would go against whatever sum he might be able to raise for the Council in his general and continuous fund raising for the Council. Guy Johnson had in mind an approach he has been working at through the summer to a local foundation in North Carolina. Dr. Charles Johnson has proceeded to write to a long list of persons who have shown an interest in the Monthly Summary of Race Relations, asking them to contribute to the Council; and he has already sent us in checks totalling $69.80, received in small amounts from those to whom he wrote. Leonard Haas' intent is clear from his pledge letter.

The total sum of the actual signed pledges was only $1000. In view of that, I did not feel it wise to request bank credit.

The Executive Committee at its meeting August 31 had the alternative of paying forthwith on the pledges previously made or of using for our immediate needs three thousand dollars held in reserve for use on the self survey project in 1950. What they did was to authorize use of the $3,000, making it clear by resolution that that sum would have to be made available in 1950 for its stated purpose.

That action had the indirect effect of relieving the pressure for immediate payment of the sums pledged. All those sums, in my opinion, with the exception of Miss Wilkins which was conditional from the first, will be paid; although I think by far the greater part of it will be paid through money raising efforts of those persons rather than from their own resources. Paul Williams is giving two weeks this month entirely to money raising. Guy Johnson has renewed his approaches to the source from which he hopes to get the amount of his pledge. Leonard Haas has sent in $150.00 and will get in the rest, I feel sure. Mr. Wheeler has sent in $250.00 (raised) and expects to send another $250.00 shortly.

The situation for the moment is pretty severe. We have good grounds for hope that Paul Williams' efforts will produce several thousand dollars fairly soon. Dr. Will Alexander is working for emergency contributions totalling four or five thousand. Our money raiser, Mr. Thomas Byrd, started his work today. For the time being though, we are in a tight pinch and (as the Executive Committee on August 31 ordered), I did on September 20, give about half of our staff a month's notice, thus reducing us on October 20 to a skeleton crew. That will mean that after that date we can not get out New South and that we shall be much reduced in our other activities. Of course, if we get in money before October 20, we can cancel the notices.

The Council's work is more fruitful and more needed than ever in the past. It is greatly to be hoped that ways can be found to float it through until more funds become available next year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

September 26, 1949

Dr. Carl W. Ackerman, Dean
Graduate School of Journalism
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Dean Ackerman:

I greatly appreciate your letter of September 23 about Race in the News.

Our small Council is so short in funds that I do hope it will be possible for you to arrange, through the bookstore or otherwise, for the purchase of seventy copies of the book. They cost fifteen cents apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 26, 1949

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
The Social Service Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brimm:

We are delighted to send you fifty copies of Race in the News and will be most grateful for your kindness in getting them out to your denominational editors.

I put in five extra copies for any use you may care to make of them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mr. John Fischer
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Jack:

This one is a honey.

It is going to do a lot of good.

I wanted you to see it and help me spread its fame.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 26, 1949

Miss Bettye Joyce Greer
The Alabamian
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Greer:

Thank you for your letter of September 20. Here is a list.

I was born in Richmond, Virginia and was sent to school in Rhode Island, South Carolina, Maryland, and Delaware. I did most of my college work at the University of Richmond and went on for a Ph.D. in economics at Johns Hopkins. After that, I had three years in England at Oxford and came back to teach economics at Columbia University for six years.

I worked in the Government mostly for the Farm Security Administration for nine years ending up as Associate Administrator of F.S.A., I then ran the C.I.O. political action committee for nine south-eastern states for 1944-45.

The Council gave me a job in 1945 as Director of Veterans Services for it. Here the effort was to get such circumstances for the returning veterans as would make the transition easier. I became Executive Director of the Council in 1947.

I knew Montevallo slightly fifteen years ago in John Steelman's time and look forward greatly to spending several days on your campus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Dear Mrs. Havens:

This from Mr. Rogers. I do not perceive just what he is planning about the list but thought anything he might do may be helpful. I thought it important for you and, perhaps, Mr. Daniel (hence the extra copy) to know that Mr. Rogers is stirring on it.

Give Mr. Rogers any advice, or none, as you may think wise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
Embassy Hotel
610 Polk Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I send you post haste some copies of Race in the News. It is going to be mighty popular. Both Time and Newsweek are running stories in their next issues, and we are trying to get block orders for it. The Southern Presbyterians bought fifty, and Hugh Brimm asked for fifty to send to the Baptist papers.

I wrote some days ago to Dr. Russell Bowie and to Bishop Beverly Dandridge Tucker about the pamphlet, sending them copies. I wanted Bishop Tucker to know about it because I was sure he would be interested (and, of course, present there in San Francisco).

It is clearly going to be one of the most useful things we have ever done. The main thing I want is for local groups, church inspired wherever possible, to form one-time committees to go and see their local editors and ask for more conformity with the rules laid out in the little green book.

I don't think I had the news when you were here that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has mailed copies of the pamphlet to all their members, so that gets it into the offices. Now I want to get readers of the papers to go, book in hand, to the editors. I am sure your inventive wit will find ways to get them started.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 26, 1949

Mr. Louis E. Hosch, Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

You have given me a bigger job than I can make time to do.

I owe every minute between now and November to the convulsive effort we are making to find money to see the Council itself through. In addition to that, we are just launching a new program with church women. In addition to that, I have my own annual meeting coming up November 9, and that takes, as you well know, oceans of planning and detail.

I really feel very badly about not taking an interesting and helpful job, but I couldn't do it and do these other things that I am already entirely committed to.

Wherefore, I return the memorandum and the list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mrs. Lowry Hunt
Madison, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

Mrs. Tilly asked me in sending along this check to give you her own as well as the Council's. Sincerest thanks for your kindness in coming for the meeting week before last.

I heard a good many of those present say that your talk was one of the most interesting things they had heard in a long time. It was convincing proof of the value of bringing to light the facts of an average situation.

I do hope that ways can be found to get many communities to copy what yours is doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Send:
punch
Florida veterans' survey
Feb. '46 New South
La. veterans' survey
Dec. '46 New South

September 26, 1949

Mr. A. C. Jackson, Head
Manual Arts Department
Lincoln Park Academy
Fort Pierce, Florida

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter of September 17 addressed to Mr. Guy Johnson, which reached us September 26, asking for information about vocational guidance.

The Southern Regional Council works hard to encourage more vocational training, but I am sorry we have only a small item or two in print about it. I send you that.

Tuskegee Institute could give you a great deal of the most helpful information.

If the Council can serve you in some other way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 26, 1949

Miss Sarah W. James
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss James:

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 14 and for the copy of Kentucky on the March.

If you will be kind enough to send me a hundred of the descriptive circulars, I can get them out to leading people in our organization throughout the South who would be your most likely prospects for purchases.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mrs. Alice H. Lewis, Managing Editor
The Woman's Press
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

I have been trying in the last two weeks to do the article on rural housing for which you on behalf of the magazine wrote me again August 30. What with a southwide meeting of church women (at which Mrs. Roosevelt was present) and a meeting of our Executive Committee and a certain financial stringency, I simply haven't been able to do it. I have got all the material collected and can turn the thing out in a matter of two or three days when I can get to it. I will do my very best to meet your deadline of October 15.

Two thousand words is a cinch on that subject.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mrs. Ruby E. Stutts Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

My apoligies for this delay in answering your letter of September 13.

We have pulled one of our two remaining file copies of Dr. Johnson's speech and have sent it to Mr. T. D. Davis as you requested.

I am planning to be at the annual meeting at Jackson.

Reciprocally, I do hope you can be over here for the Council's annual membership meeting November 9 here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Co.
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

That was mighty kind of you to order fifty copies of Race in the News. We are sending them out today. The check for $7.50 will help us a lot. If these first ones produce a further demand, let me know.

I think really that the little pamphlet will press along and shape a movement which will be one of the most significant of modern improvements of things in the South. I enclose a list of those to whom you and Mr. Daniel so kindly sent your joint letter June 6.

Of these, the only one who has sent a contribution in response to the letter is Mr. George E. Lewis, Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Florida. I am not forgetting, of course, your own large gift toward this campaign.

Mrs. Havens and Mr. Daniel and the others who met originally in Jacksonville to plan the campaign sorted out most of the names and undertook follow-up steps through various individuals for particular ones on the list. Thus, Mr. Gray was to see Dr. L. R. Hampton, Mr. Joe Higdon, Mr. Albert M. Lewis and Mr. John Phipps. Daniel was to be in touch with Mr. Alexander Brest, Dr. T.Z. Cason, Mr. P. N. Coleman, and Mr. J. W. Spratt. Mrs. Havens took some and Mr. Havens took some. I don't know the extent of the various follow-up efforts, but obviously they have not yet had results.

I feel sure that anything you can do toward getting any of them to make contributions would be in order, and I have great faith in the effectiveness of your own efforts.

I will sent Mrs. Havens a copy of this so that she will know of your plans to move things along.

The total number of $250.00 contributors thus far from all over the South is sixteen. We have had another five or six contributions of smaller amounts sent in in response to requests for $250.00. I still hope to reach the goal of one hundred 250's.

Sincerely and appreciately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary
Department of Christian Social Relations
and Local Church Activities
150 Fifth Avenue -- Room 604
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

Rejoice with us in what looks like big success for this newest small pamphlet of the Council.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has already sent it out to all their members. The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has bought a thousand copies to mail to policy holders. The Southern Presbyterians, through John Marion, have bought fifty. Another life insurance executive has bought fifty. The Social Service secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention asked us for fifty to mail out to denominational papers. We understand that both Time and Newsweek will carry stories on it.

It is luckily timed to meet a beginning wave of improvement anyway, and will swell and shape the movement quite a lot.

Mrs. Tilly told me just now she has already mailed you first fruits from the Constitution of yesterday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 26, 1949

Mr. Paul S. Taylor
1163 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Paul:

Your letter of September 5 came when I was in the midst of a string of meetings.

It so happens that I was present at several small conferences of people in the government at the time when Bendetson was making the arrangements which resulted in the evacuation of the people of Japanese descent. I have searched my memory and cannot recall anything discreditable to Bendetsen given the hysteria of the time and given the fact that he was a subordinate carrying out DeWitt's orders. He was a ball of energy and he applied it on a cause which I considered then mistaken and, of course, now consider woeful.

That is all I know myself and I do not pit that recollection against the intimate knowledge of him then and later that you and others on the West Coast certainly have. Nevertheless, as my own recollection is no more in his disfavor than I say, it does not seem to me I ought to write the President.

I do think the White House would make a mistake in giving this high civilian authority to any one sympathetically identified with the Japanese evacuation.

Try me again on another one and I will hope to be of help.

I had pleasant news of Dorothea the other day from Gordon Weisenborn.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 26, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

After my 'phone call this morning, I send you for pure friendship a copy of our latest pamphlet, not yet mailed out generally. I think you will like it. It is already popular with the press. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has mailed a copy to each of its members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm;t

September 26, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I sent Miss Loveman on the Saturday Review of Literature a copy of Race in the News.

I have had this reply back from her today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 26, 1949

Miss Marjorie Minkler, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Town and Country Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Minkler:

I think you will like this new pamphlet.

It promises to be remarkably useful all over the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
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September 27, 1949

Miss Dena Bleckley
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Miss Bleckley:

At the request of Mrs. W. E. DuRant, I send you copies of two leaflets describing the aims and activities of the Southern Regional Council.

I am sorry for this delay occasioned by the misdirection of Mrs. DuRant's letter to us.

I hope this material is what you need; if not, please let me know.

We are most grateful to you and to the South Carolina Conference of the W.S.C.S. for this interest in the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 27, 1949

Mr. R. P. Daniel
1100 Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

A western Floridian wandered into my office today, sent here from Tuskegee, with a queer story. He is a white man named R. L. Ellis, RFD #1, Baker, Florida. Owns a hundred acres or so thereabouts; used to be a barber, I believe; has lived in Florida eighteen years. Came there from Montgomery, Alabama. Baker is in Okaloosa County.

He was anxious to tell his story but unskilled in getting it in sequence. I can do a more exact job (from our notes) than the following, but this is a rough summary of his tale.

Back in the northwest part of this county there had settled from just after slavery days a community of colored land-owners. Prominent among their names was Hendrieth. Just about at the end of World War I, white people thereabouts began to covet the land the colored were on. One young man of the Hendrieth family and another young man disappeared and their bodies were found not long after in the Conecuah River. A year or two later another colored man, named John Sipp Hendrieth, was shot in the hall of his house, from outside the house. A little later a young boy was shot. These last two victims survived and are living respectively in Crestview, Florida, and Selma, Alabama.

Under this pressure practically all the colored people moved out, I would say about 1925. A little later four white men took tax title to most of the ex-colored land.

Ellis knew about the colored ownership of the property and was from time to time in touch with some of the heirs. Nothing has ever been done about the murders, and nothing was done to retain title for the colored owners of the land.

In 1948, I believe, one of the white tax-title owners let it be known that he intended to cut timber from some of the tax-title land. Ellis got the circuit court to enjoin any cutting or removal, and himself posted $500 cash bond to save the enjoined persons whole in case the injunction were wrongly issued. The enjoined tax-title holders then sold their interests to the Northcut Lumber Company which, notwithstanding protest by Ellis, proceeded to cut the timber. Ellis estimates that cut was $10,000 worth. The Northcut Lumber Company was then operated by a man named W. A. Gooch, who has since then moved to Montgomery.

Ellis has since that time got his attorney, William F. Flournoy of De Funiak Springs, Florida, to enter suit on behalf of the stated heirs of the original owners for recovery. However, the suit does not move. Ellis considers that he is up against ring resistance among the county politicians.

Another item involves a visit by Ellis and one of the principal heirs to the property in question, made only a few weeks ago. This one of the heirs walked over the property and located with exactness "every stob". Ellis had provided himself in advance with a plat map by sections of that part of the county. According to the heir in question, the plat map shows certain portions as in the original ownership which were not in the original ownership, and is otherwise in error.

It also seems to be the case that one of the heirs, a colored woman school teacher in Washington, D. C., has within the last few years asserted her original title to lands upon which tax lien had not been filed, and has been confirmed in that ownership.

Ellis says he has no interest in acquiring land from any of the parties, that his interest is in justice, but that if the rightful heirs recovered, he would expect them to compensate him for some of his trouble and interest —as, of course, they would have to compensate their attorneys. Ellis is fairly close to the wool hat type, but impressed me with a native sense of justice. He pronounces "Negroes" like "chiggers" and is otherwise quite local. Says he once belonged to the Klan for four years, just to find out what they were doing.

I told Ellis I would write to somebody in Jacksonville and ask for some advice on what ought to be done.

I would be most grateful for your kind pondering of these circumstances and for a letter telling me what, if anything, in your judgment is wise. A copy of the injunction is enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 27, 1949

Mr. Glenn Douthit
New Orleans Item
722 Union Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Douthit:

A way back in January I promised to send you a copy of this when it came out. We have had it back from the printer a week or so. Do hope you will find it useful. We have more copies at fifteen cents each.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is sending it out to its members.

We think that if the papers will keep it about, it will, in the course of time do a good deal to speed and shape the movement already well under way among Southern newspapers for better handling of Negro news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

September 27, 1949

Mrs. W. E. DuRant
Elliott, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. DuRant:

We are most regretful that your letter of September 7 is only now receiving an answer. Apparently, it was misdirected by the post office and has just reached us.

We are most grateful to the South Carolina Conference of the W.S.C.S for making the Southern Regional Council one of its projects.

Enclosed are twelve copies of the leaflet What Kind of South do You Want?, which gives a concise discription of the Council, its aims and activities. For your own information, also enclosed is a copy of a lengthier leaflet which presents the same information in more detail.

I am sending to Miss Bleckley today a copy of each of these leaflets. I hope they will be suitable for your use; if not, please let me know and I shall hasten to supply you with whatever you need. Should you want more copies of either leaflet, we shall be glad to send them.

Again our thanks for the interest of your fine organization.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Director of Information

HF:wgd

September 27, 1949

Mr. Albion L. Holsey
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Holsey:

Mr. R. L. Ellis, of Baker, Florida, came over here this morning and we talked at length about the land problem which you had advised him to come and see me on. I have written to a legal friend for advice and shall stay in touch with Mr. Ellis. Mr. Ellis asked that I write you.

The publicity for Gammon is going great guns. Probably you saw that last Sunday's Constitution, in pages 4 and 5 of Section B, made a precedent in handling by the Constitution of Negro matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 27, 1949

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
P. O. Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Thank you a whole lot for your wire. By further digging about we found a manuscript that did have the headline in it, so were able to supply Bill Howland with what he wanted before his deadline. They are carrying a story on Race in the News, and so is Newsweek.

My admiration for the good habits that would have work notes within reach, and that made it possible for you to find exactly what was wanted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

P. S. I think we should put back in your budget the cost of the wire. A check is enclosed.

GSM

September 27, 1949

Mr. Arthur Jones
417 West Cervantes Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Jones:

I had the pleasure of a visit this morning from Mr. R. L. Ellis about your land problems.

I have written to friends in Florida for further advice and shall be in touch with Mr. Ellis later on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 27, 1949

Miss Brownie Lee Jones
Southern School for Workers, Inc.
14 North 9th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Brownie Lee:

Back in March you sent us a most kind five dollars and said you would send the other later in the year and we were please to remind you.

I remind you, though I presume that you are not richer now than then; but goodness knows, we aren't either.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

September 27, 1949

Mr. Paul Kellogg, Editor
Survey Graphic
112 East 19th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

This promises to be one of the most useful little pamphlets our Council has ever put out. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has already sent it out to all of its members, and various companies and organizations, including churches, have bought blocks for sending to their groups.

I am told that both Time and Newsweek will carry mention of it in their next issues.

I thought you would like to see it. We sell it for fifteen cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 27, 1949

Miss Freda Kirchwey
3 Claremont Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Kirchwey:

This promises to be one of the most useful pamphlets our Council has put out. I thought it would cheer you.

It is catching a beginning wave of improvement in these matters in southern newspapers anyway, and will swell and shape the wave.

Anything you can do to help us get it known we will be grateful for. The price is fifteen cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 27, 1949

Mrs. Doris Lockerman
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Lockerman:

Here is the first installment of that information I promised you. Mrs. Lowry Hunt, who reviewed the Madison self-survey at the conference, is now publishing the findings in the county weekly, the Madisonian. Enclosed are copies of the articles published so far. Mrs. Hunt has promised to send me the subsequent ones and I shall forward copies to you.

The follow up, based on the findings of the survey, has not yet taken definite shape, but it is a hopeful sign that the local PTA has agreed to endorse many of the recommendations, particularly those in the field of education.

As a bit of local color, it startled me to learn that the map of the town prepared by the survey committee was the first since 1913. Madison evidently needed this checking up!

Mrs. Irving Cohn of New Orleans has agreed to give us a written account of the Teachers' Institute at an early date. I shall see that you get a copy of it.

We were all most pleasantly impressed with the Constitution's handling of Negro news last Sunday. It was superbly done.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

September 27, 1949

Mr. Harold Martin
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Martin:

I thought you would like to see this newest pamphlet from the Council.

It is already popular and, we think, is going to do a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 27, 1949

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street -- Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Every now and then we send you some encouraging item from our Council. I think you will like this latest pamphlet. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it to all its members. Mr. Spaulding's Board bought a thousand copies for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company to mail out.

I started writing this just to send you the pamphlet. But now I think maybe the Brotherhood would like to have a block of them! Fifteen cents apiece. I am most anxious to get them into the hands of interested newspaper readers, because from that base we or they can get up small local committees that will visit editors and urge upon the editors the good sense of following the simple rules laid down in the little green book.

Anyway, we want you to see it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/j

September 27, 1949

Mr. Tom Stokes
United Press Bureau
National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

This new pamphlet from our Council promises to be one of the most useful things we have ever done. It has already reached the Southern Newspapers through the SNPA.

You will see that it is written with every sympathy for the problems of Southern newspaper offices, and yet lays out rules to come up to.

As you well understand, there is quite a good movement under way already among Southern papers for doing better on these matters. We think the pamphlet will swell and shape the movement.

My own admiration for the consistency with which you give out just the right ideas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 27, 1949

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Ward:

I was glad to have your letter of September 6.

I enclose several things which will give you a "quickie" of what the Southern Regional Council is.

The Council and the Commission on Interracial Cooperation which proceeded it have grown up with the expanding conscience of church people in the South. We have done all we could to organize state, southwide, and local action programs which would implement that conscience.

The green pamphlet Race in the News (brand new) is a case in point. We are working to get local church groups to visit newspaper officials and urge as much compliance as possible with the rules laid down in the pamphlet.

In another sphere, we are pushing local self surveys. This is most promising.

On still another hand, Mrs. M. E. Tilly is just organizing the follow-up on a southwide meeting of church women here in Atlanta. They came together to plan a program of improvement in law enforcement and for equal justice throughout the South. The women

will undertake to visit the courts and make themselves known locally as persons watching our law enforcement processes.

We have a wide spread organization throughout the South.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, we would like to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

September 28, 1949

Mrs. Herbert Acuff
632 Cherokee Boulevard
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Acuff:

It was really great to have Mrs. Henderson represent both the Tennessee Council of Church Women and your Holston Conference at our workshop September 8 and 9. Please give her plenty of time to tell you about what was a great experience.

Your Conference has in the past made a contribution of $25 to the Southern Regional Council. Mrs. Stout always sends this in, but I am calling it to your attention. You know I like for my Methodist Conferences to share in all the cooperative work of the South, so it will be almost like a personal favor to me.

Love and best wishes,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

September 28, 1949

Miss Emily Clay
1020 Grenada Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Miss Clay:

I am sorry to have waited so long to acknowledge your nice letter of September 1. The truth is that it arrived on the 6th, just two days before Mrs. Tilly's Southwide meeting and in the midst of many frenzied preparations ~~which included~~ not the least of which was the painting of our offices with furniture and equipment being pushed hither and yon by the painters who were hurrying to get through in time.

The meeting was one of our best with church women from all over the South and important national organizations in New York as well, with Mrs. Roosevelt a great drawing card.

We were most sorry to miss you on your visit to Atlanta. It must have seemed strange to you to come in and see no familiar face. It is true there has been a great turnover here, and each one to natural causes, extraordinally enough.

The monetary situation of the Council is a very grave one and has us all quite anxious as to its future. We have good hopes which we expect to materialize and we also have employed, as a money-raiser, Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, who will undertake in the next few months to raise a half million as a ten-year fund for the Council. He is a good man and we are setting no little store by his efforts.

Thank you so much for your dues and for the contirubtion which you included with it. This always helps as you know, and no matter how small such contributions do mount up.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 28, 1949

Air Mail

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

This confirms our conversation yesterday.

I undertook to be in New Orleans from the forenoon of October 19 until late that night, and maybe most of the 20th, and to be available to talk at 3:45 pm to the Institute for Teachers on any subject relating to education in the South.

And you were going to be kind enough to get in touch with Father John Masterson, Saint Anthony's Priory, 4640 Canal Street, New Orleans 19, and tell him I will be about -- and I believe you were to agree with him as to a time, if any, when he would wish me to do his bidding.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 28, 1949

Mr. James L. Coker
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coker:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send over your welcome check for $250.00!

We were below the bottom of the barrel; indeed, I had been planning to go to the bank and dig out my own small personal hoard of $25 war bonds and find there enough to carry us through our immediate necessities. I am not only organizationally but personally grateful to you for coming to our rescue.

Many things look encouraging for the near future, and I hope we shan't again be at this morning's low ebb.

Time Magazine is carrying tomorrow a very nice story on the Race in the News pamphlet, a copy of which I believe I sent you.

Your kindness increases my own admiration for South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 28, 1949

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin
Whitakers, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cutchin:

I hope your precious district officer who attended our workshop September 8 and 9 has told you of the wonderful experience it was to all of us. I will send you some material on it in a few days.

What I am writing you about now is the gift of $25 that you always make to the Southern Regional Council. It hasn't come this year; I suppose it has just been overlooked. You have told me many times that I "pushed you around" -- so this is just another push-around.

Love and best wishes,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

September 28, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We had this morning a most welcome check for $250 from Mr. James L. Coker, which I have thanked him for.

I now thank you for what must have been your own weight in moving him to that kindness.

We will send the covenanted fourth of it duly to Miss Minahan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 28, 1949

Right Reverend E. P. Dandridge
2305 Elliston Place
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Bishop Dandridge:

We are indeed greatful for the one hundred dollar check sent through you by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Church in the Province of Sewanee. Always of the greatest help it is more than ever needed this year.

Please express our greatful thanks to the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 28, 1949

Mrs. Marvin D. Eblen
425 South Elm Street
Henderson, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Eblen:

Thank you so much for sending Mrs. Davis to our conference September 8 and 9. My! How I love you folks of the Louisville Conference and treasure the memory of the days I was at your School of Missions.

You know the Louisville Conference has always sent $25 to the Southern Regional Council. It hasn't come this year; I suppose it is because you have changed treasurers. See if you can't find $25 in your treasury for the Southern Regional Council.

Love and best wishes,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

September 28, 1949

Mrs. James B. Givins, Conference Treasurer
529 South Margin Street
Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Givins:

I cannot tell you how greatful we are for the generous gift of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church, in amount of forty dollars. Please convey our very warm thanks to your society.

Thank you, too, for the check for three dollars covering membership dues for Mrs. G. B. Smith of Donnelson, Tennessee. This amount is being credited to her membership and she is being advised.

In token of our appreciation we should like to enter for you and/or other officers of your Society complimentary subscriptions for the coming year to our monthly bulletin, New South. If you will let me know the names and addresses of those who should receive subscriptions, I shall be glad to see that they are entered.

Our thanks to you and to the Society again.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:nh
cc: Mrs. G. B. Smith

September 28, 1949

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

Our warmest gratitude again to you for your kindness in sending forward Mr. Edwin R. Hass, Jr.'s check for fifty dollars. We have put this down as taking a further substantial bite out of what you were so kind as to undertake to try to find us.

Things begin to look somewhat more encouraging.

I shall leave to you, if I may, expression of our appreciation to Mr. Edwin R. Haas, Jr.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 28, 1949

Air Mail

Mrs. Henry Havens
Embassy Hotel
610 Polk Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Havens:

We have just had the good news that the Wesleyan Service Guild, the business women's organization of the Methodist Church, has adopted the home town self-survey as the project of their local groups all over the South for this year. It was described to them as the fitting approach on the part of local business women to the problems of race relations in their own community.

Dr. Mitchell wonders if Mrs. Havens can contrive a similar coup.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

September 28, 1949

Mr. John H. Marion, Director
Committee on Christian Relations
Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 5094
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Thank you so much for the information contained in your letter. It has enabled us to locate the fifteen dollars which appears to have been credited to literature.

If agreeable with you we should like to divert three dollars of this sum to a membership for you. You would then receive not only New South but any other publications which we might issue during the coming year.

I enclose our latest small pamphlet about the Council which may be of interest to you.

With cordial good wishes

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 28, 1949

The Library
New York School of Social Work
2 East 91 Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of a request from Miss Constance Beal Adams, acting director of the Russel Sage Foundation Library, asking that we transfer to the library of the New York School of Social Work their place on our mailing list and stating that they have already transferred to you our publications which they had previously received.

The Council is a small budget organization unable to permit itself the luxury of a mailing list, yet making available its publications at a figure well below cost. If you are interested in receiving our publications, we shall be glad to take your subscription to our monthly bulletin, New South, at $1.50 per year, or to our publications service which includes New South as well as any other pamphlets issued during the year at $2.50 per year. For your further information, I will send you our latest annotated list which will give you some idea as to what we have available. An up-to-date publications list is now in preparation.

Won't you let us hear from you further?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh
cc: Constance Beal Adams

September 28, 1949

Reverend Paul J. Schmidt
1912 Randalia Drive
Fort Wayne 3, Indiana

Dear Reverend Schmidt:

Your letter addressed to the Conference on Education and Race Relations has been referred to us as that organization was merged with the Southern Regional Council in early 1944. "Singers in the Dawn" is a small anthology of Negro poetry in a pamphlet which sells for 10¢ per copy. For your further information, I am enclosing a leaflet which will give you some idea as to the nature of the Council's work.

Won't you write us further if we can help you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 28, 1949

Mr. John Simmons
2030 Robson Place, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

How nice of you to call this morning!

Here is a leaflet about the Council with a membership blank. Also our very latest publication, which is going to do a lot of good.

Do come and see me at the office or us at home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 28, 1949

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
718 Mortgage Guarantee Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

I wanted you to see a copy of this newest pamphlet. It is described in the Time Magazine out tomorrow.

I have also news by 'phone, not yet fully official, that the Guild of young Methodist business women over the whole South is adopting the home town self-survey as the project of their groups for the coming year. It was described to them as the fitting approach on the part of local business women to the problems of race relations in their own community. I will confirm this more accurately when I have the matter in writing.

Meanwhile, we hear of surveys going or cooking in Rock Hill, Greenville, West Palm Beach, San Antonio, Mobile, and Madison (Georgia).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 28, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Sutton, Jr.
1661 Woodhaven Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sutton:

The Council is most grateful for your check for ten dollars, four dollars to be credited to husband-wife membership for the coming year plus six dollars contribution. Always needed I believe your gift is especially so at this time and we are very appreciative.

I do hope you have had a good summer.

With all good wishes

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

September 28, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The October 3 issue of **Time**, out tomorrow, carries on pages 55 and 56 a good story about Race in the News. We are told that **Newsweek** carries one too, but haven't seen it.

A lucky check for $250 from James L. Coker of Hartsville, South Carolina, will get us over this week's payroll hump. For October 15 I think I am going to be dependent on what your good offices will have effected.

General Johnson was in Atlanta today to make a speech to the Chamber of Commerce. I attended the luncheon and heard his good speech. He waved at me from the rostrum. He was flanked by his various Chicopee Mills people. His luncheon partners on either side were not unfriendly to the Council, so I half hope that he will reach a decision today. I have further hoped that he will call me to their conclave and announce good news, ~~but~~ the telephone bell has not rung that way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 29, 1949

Dr. Will Alexander
Route 4
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

We are sending separately a marked copy of the current Time, with a story about Race in the News. Page 55.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Frederick D. Carter
1411 Pine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am so glad you are through at Denver and ready to break into the bar. Many of my friends have had to take the bar exam two or three times in this and other states to pass it. Until you have been licked a couple more times on it, I wouldn't charge the difficulty more than a little to prejudice.

But if you are in need of a friend in Chattanooga, I suggest that you go to see Mr. Alfred Mynders, editor of the Chattanooga Times, or Mr. Charles Puckette, who is general manager of the paper. They are both good Council members and deeply sincere. It may be that their advice on the spot could show you ways to open doors.

I remember you with the greatest pleasure. Do come to see us whenever you can.

Here is our latest pamphlet, which we think is going to do a lot of good.

When you are a rich lawyer with a waistline, I hope you will be a handsome contributor to the Council's needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. I have written Mr. Mynders and told him about you, so you may feel the free-er to go and see him if you wish. I shouldn't emphasize the possibility of prejudice; your whole game would be

September 29, 1949

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

Time Magazine carries this week a good story about *Race in the News*, the Council's newest pamphlet. We are sending separately a marked copy of the magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
John Hay Whitney Foundation
Rockefeller Center
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Embree:

Time Magazine did a nice story on page 55 of its current issue on Race in the News. We are sending separately a copy of the magazine.

I believe Newsweek is carrying something too, but we haven't seen it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 29, 1949

Mr. H. L. Fry, Vice President
Rabun-Gap-Nacoochee School
Rabun Gap, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fry:

Our Council is interested in the general movement for better farm leases, but we have not ourselves tried to work out any lease forms.

I have called the Georgia state office of the Farmers Home Administration, USDA, and asked them to send to me a sample of their model lease forms. As soon as I get them, I will mail them on to you.

Meanwhile, here are some copies of an excellent discussion guide on farm leases done several years ago in the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Daily File

September 29, 1949
Dict. September 28

Mrs. Lowry Hunt
Madison, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

Please forgive this delay in writing you about the information you requested when we were in Madison last week. We ran into unexpected difficulty in getting the figures you needed. Added to that, Jane Simpson is away from the office this week.

Mrs. Huff, our other research person, is working up the figures on health and crime. It seems that in the interim between the ten-year census reports only the bare number of cases is available. This means that we must compute the ratio of the cases to the population, white and colored. We should have the figures for you in a few days. (Fortunately, with the appearance of the 1950 census, other self-surveying communities will not be faced with the same problem.)

Miss Beverly Wheatcroft, head of the State Library Extension Service, State Department of Education, informs us that there is no ruling about loans of books to Negro libraries. Most county and city libraries, she said, are governed by their local library boards. Loans to Negro schools are usually channeled through the local Jeanes supervisor. Miss Clarice Jones, of Atlanta University, is the Negro supervisor for the State Library Extension Service. She is the one to correspond with about the needs of Negro institutions.

The administrator of the "Log Cabin Faith Libraries" is Mr. Buffington

at Paine College, Augusta. Their services are made available to Negro schools or other institutions which have facilities for setting up a library.

A friend of mine with the Public Housing Administration here informs me that the rural non-farm program(under which Madison presumably would come) has not yet crystallised. He suggests that the best procedure would be for the mayor, a group of interested citizens, or simply yourself to write the Public Housing Administration, Georgia Savings Bank Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The letter should give the population of Madison, state that there is a need for a housing unit, and ask for appropriate instructions on procedure.

I have sent Doris Lockerman copies of the three articles from the Madisonian. I shall look forward to receiving the subsequent articles in the series and shall see that Mrs. Lockerman receives copies of them also.

That was a most pleasant and informative day we spent with you in Madison. Our sincere thanks for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Charles McCormick
Chairman of the Board
McCormick and Company
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. McCormick:

At the suggestion of Mr. Paul Williams, I take pleasure in sending you copies of some recent typical publications by the Council. These are done in a popular style and are widely used in colleges and universities throughout the South, and by local study groups.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

bc: Paul Williams

September 29, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Some years ago, in my work with Negro veterans for the Council, I had opportunity to advise an able young Negro man, Frederick D. Carter, who then lived in Tennessee--and, I believe, in Chattanooga. His problem was how, in getting a law education, best to balance benefits available to him under the GI Bill and from Tennessee's out-of-state educational aid program.

He has gone on to the University of Colorado and finished in law. He has taken the Tennessee bar exam and failed it, but will take it again at the next opportunity. He wrote me the other day from Denver saying that he felt the need of friendly advice in Chattanooga. (I think he suspects that the bar examination will be insuperable for a colored man--mixed up with the fact that Tennessee makes no provision whereby a Negro Tennessean can acquire academic training in Tennessee law within the state.)

I have written that some of my best friends have flunked bar exams right and left and have only got through by repeated tries, and that I greatly doubt that he is the victim of any prejudice.

Nevertheless, I took the liberty of telling him that I felt sure you would be willing to take time to advise with him if he felt the need of friendly counsel in Chattanooga.

I quite liked the young man.

He tells me that his present address is: 1411 Pine Street, Chattanooga.

May never show, but if he does, that's who he is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 29, 1949

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

Hi. That check was a life-saver. Our warmest thanks.

Mr. James L. Coker sent in one the day before, so we now stand at seventeen. We know of at least two more that are probable, and I think in the next couple of months we can scare up a good many more. Already we owe to your offer somewhere around $4,000.

The annual meeting is November 9. I know you are pressed with many things, but we will all be much honored if you could come down.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 29, 1949

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Newberry, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Dr. Benjamin Mays called today to see if we could get him any detailed local information about the recent attack case in Greenwood County, which the radio four or five days ago announced had ended in the sentencing of a young Negro man to electrocution. The circumstances about the long drive around in the car with the white girl and her escort lend an air of improbability to the case of the Negro man.

Could you be at pains to get us what you can, not only of current newspaper accounts, but of opinion in Greenwood and nearby?

If it is your finding that there is every reason to suppose that the man is guilty as judged, that is that. But if you find a good deal of contrary opinion, we would be interested in hearing of it.

If your own circumstances won't let you make the inquiry, please arrange for someone else to become informed and write us.

We understand the execution is set for October 28.

Of course, if you find grounds for starting protest, the South Carolina Division should do what it wishes itself, without reference to us.

I should not keep Dr. Mays waiting long for knowledge of whether more information will reach him from us or not, so please let me know what you can take on in the way of getting the facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

We are sending separately a copy of the current issue of Time, with a good story about Race in the News, page 55.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Time Magazine carries this week a good story about Race in the News, page 55. We are sending you a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 29, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Charlie Gillman's home address is: 82 Roseclaire Drive, SE, Atlanta. 72 Fairlie St NW

That's fine about Mr. McCormick. We will greatly hope.

I sent him the attached today.

Fleming had the introduction. Sorry I bothered you.

The annual membership meeting is on November 9, which is Wednesday. If we go by last year's precedent, we would have the Board meeting on the following day, November 10. There is some thought that our problems are so complicated the Board should have a meeting on the 8th, to sift things for the membership. What do you think? I suppose it really turns on money. If we are going to be in fair shape, then we can do as we did last year. But if we are shaky, it would be a pity to have the membership meeting make decisions unassisted by the careful consideration of the Board.

In any case, I will try to confirm the already tentatively made date for you to see Mr. Spaulding on Monday, November 7.

Race in the News still promises to run like wildfire. Both the Time story and the Newsweek story are fine.

Odum sent in his $250 this morning.

Byrd is settling into a job of work.

I have offered Mrs. Tilly continuance as in charge of the women's program. That is quite important. If I carried through with the Executive Committee's arrangement and separated her, it would have many unfortunate consequences. I have, however, most reluctantly told Mrs. Havens that unless we get money by October 20, we can't continue to pay her. That's particularly dismal because she is now at the great San Francisco Episcopal convention, where she can do us good.

Howsomever, with your good news, and with other bits here and there, I begin to feel more cheerful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

gsm/t

P.S. Bill Howland, of Time here, tells me that he will be seeing Henry Luce next week and will speak kindly to Mr. Luce of our Council.
GSM

bc: Mrs. McKoy

September 30, 1949

Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Mrs. McKoy thanks you sincerely for the five dollars. I thank you for welcome advice and for the news that you are coming to the meeting. The date is November 9.

We have tried to bend in the last year or so toward a more popular style with New South. I admit we haven't got far. The Council has not tried to build a mass membership. I have repeatedly said that if we got about 5,000 members, that would be a resting point for a while. We are now at around 3,300. Unless we find money soon, we shan't be able to publish any more pamphlets; and I think it is on the pamphlets, perhaps, that we should push hardest to be more popular.

Perhaps this latest one, Race in the News, is more readable than some of the others. The issues of Time and Newsweek for October 3 gave it grand write-ups. There is really quite a lot that can be done by local groups--most particularly local church groups--in following up with editors the rules laid down in the little green book.

Ed Burrows is a good guy and we all enjoyed working with him this summer and some of last. I have impressed on him the enormous contribution that you have made to the whole cause.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. William E. Bade, Editor
The Guild Reporter
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Bade:

We are happy to send you the enclosed copy of Race in the News, and will look forward with much interest to your article on it.

Please accept our apologies for our oversight in not sending you a copy earlier. I shall certainly see that you receive promptly all of our future reports which might be of interest to the Guild Reporter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:t
enclosure

September 30, 1949

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

Dr. Mitchell and I both find it possible to be at your meeting at 2 P.M. on Friday, October 7. I had an errand, anyway, in Birmingham. Dr. Mitchell will drive with me over there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

P. S. Since writing the above, we have found that Dr. Mitchell has an unbreakable engagement in Atlanta on October 7. I will be accompanied by Mrs. Norma Huff of the Council staff.
D.T.

September 30, 1949

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you warmly for your letter.

Here are grand stories from Time and Newsweek, October 3, about Race in the News. We do hope you can order a good batch.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
50 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

Our Race in the News got beautiful coverage in the October 3 issues of both Time and Newsweek. In Time they called us "one of the South's most effective race relations groups". That was balm.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Louis E. Hosch
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Don't you worry, I am coming to the meeting; my only problem was that I couldn't take on between now and then the special committee job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Louis Hosch
American Council on Race Relations
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Louis:

I am a little ashamed to show my face, even with a letter, but here I am again.

Time Magazine for this week gave us a good play on page 55 for Race in the News. Also Newsweek, page 58.

My next would-be conquest is REPORT.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Lucius L. Jones, Managing Editor
Louisiana Edition
The Pittsburgh Courier
2113 Drysdes Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are happy to send you a copy of Race in the News. Enclosed is a complete list of our publications, and we will be glad to have your order for any that you think might be useful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

September 30, 1949

Dr. Robert A. Lambert
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Dr. Lambert:

How very kind that was of you to send a check for ten dollars!

I have not been able to get any more from Alabama about that case.

I send you, a day or two ahead of regular mailing, a copy of our latest pamphlet, Race in the News. It is prominently noticed this week both in Time and in Newsweek (October 3). With that good start, and the fact that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it to each of their member papers, I think it will quite importantly influence the already growing movement in the South for fairer coverage of Negro news.

We are most anxious to arrange for local one-time committees of people who have read the pamphlet, and have followed the papers the more closely, to visit editors and ask for more conformity to the rules laid down in the little green book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

September 30, 1949

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Alex:

I found that our office directly billed Mr. Saks yesterday for the hundred copies.

I got an order today from Bishop R. R. Wright of the African Methodist-Episcopal Church for 500 copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We are pleased with good mention in the current issues of Time and Newsweek of Race in the News. Here are tear sheets.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Alexander Miller

September 30, 1949

Mr. J. Harold Saks
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Saks:

We were delighted to learn from our good friend Alex Miller yesterday of your order for 100 copies of Race in the News. They went out yesterday.

I send you copies of the magnificent notice the pamphlet got both in Time and in Newsweek.

In addition to our effort to get the pamphlet read in newspaper offices, we are extremely anxious to get it used by interested newspaper readers over the South. Experience has proven that local citizens who will notice their papers with care in the light of the rules laid down in the little green book, and then visit their editors as a small committee, can produce amazing changes in the papers. I am doing all I can to get people with a religious or civic interest to take up that task quite across the South. In that way the movement already under way in the South for better coverage of news involving race will be helped along and shaped.

Whatever you can do to get it widely taken up we shall all be most grateful for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

We are rejoicing in what looks like the real usefulness of our latest publication, Race in the News. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it out to all their members. Various religious groups and two or three business offices have sent it out in some quantity also.

Here are copies of the mention in this weeks issues of Time and Newsweek.

We continue in gratitude to you for your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mr. J. H. Wheeler

[redacted]

September 30, 1949

Mrs. J. C. Trent
Bivins Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Trent:

Our good friend Mr. C. C. Spaulding wrote you last May 4 about the plan to get a hundred contributions of $250 to the Southern Regional Council. You remember that this was linked to Dr. Howard Odum's offer of such a sum if we could find 99 other southern persons who would contribute a like amount. Our exiguous budget has been a good deal helped by the seventeen or eighteen such sums we have received. I do hope that it will be possible for you to consider favorably the Council's request.

I add as fresh evidence of our usefulness the enclosed pamphlet, which we have had out only a few days. Already both Time and Newsweek have given it remarkable notice. It is clear that, with this start, the pamphlet will be a really important influence in swelling and shaping the movement in the South toward greater fairness in handling of the news.

We have worked always in ways that were constructive and have been careful not to add to the South's problems any new burden of bitterness. Here is also an article from an early issue of the Reporter, which makes quite clear the function of the Council in the South.

If you find yourself in a position to help, we would be mighty grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

September 30, 1949

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am deeply grateful for your kind letter of September 26.

I have written Mrs. Trent, as enclosed, and have asked Paul Williams to get in touch with Mr. McGuire.

We have had two $250's in the last couple of days: Dr. Odum's own and the one from Mr. James L. Coker in Hartsville. Perhaps the Durham papers carried a story from the Atlanta papers about the $250 campaign. Good story; it will help and do no harm.

Race in the News is very promising indeed. I send copies of the stories from Time and Newsweek. It has been a great boost to us all that the North Carolina Mutual bought that thousand. I am working now with ministers and teachers, with Mrs. Bethune of the National Council of Negro Women, and in other directions as well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 30, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You will probably be wiser to use Charlie Gillman's office address. They have just moved to: 72 Fairlie Street, Northwest, Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

September 30, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have the enclosed from Mr. Wheeler.

I have attended to the matter of Mrs. Trent and have sent a copy of my letter to her on to Mr. Wheeler. I do hope you will think it right for you to write to Mr. McGuire.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 1, '49

The Rev. Dr. D. V. Jemison, D.D.
Selma, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jemison,

We sent you as a Board Member a general letter about RACE IN THE NEWS, but I want quite specially to enlist your interest in it.

You see what a neat bit of action-program it is for any Church. If the minister will read it, and get several members of his congregation to read it, they will all begin noting things in the local paper that could stand improvement. Then a small committee, preferably from both races, would visit the editor, and ask for greater compliance with the principles and rules in the little green book.

Just that has already happened with both papers in Atlanta, and we have had remarkable results. I send you two pages from last Sunday's Constitution which are unprecedented in this city. They are directly attributable to the committee's interview, book in hand, with Mr. McGill, the editor.

I do greatly hope you will concern yourself to arrange that each of your ministers gets the book, and gets action in his town. In that way a movement already beginning would be deeply effective in a matters of months.

Bishop R. R. Wright bought 500 copies to get out to his ministers. The Rev. Mr. B. J. Johnson, President of the Ministers Baptist Union here in Atlanta bought 500 yesterday. I am to see Mr. Pinkston on Tuesday, to ask him to make arrangements with his people in Georgia. The Georgia Knights of Pythis took one hundred. Mr. Spaulding, for the N. C. Mutual Life Ins., Co bought a thousand, to mail out to pilicyholders.

Please write me your best advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

October 1, '49

Mr. John R. Wald
325 South Oakhurst Street
Beverly Hills, California

My dear Mr. Wald,

Mrs. Henry Havens, after her visit in your home last week, has asked us to send you some things from and about the Southern Regional Council.

I am sending a parcel separately that will give you most of our more recent publications.

We are particularly delighted just now with the success of the green one - Race in the News. It got good long articles in both Time and Newsweek (Oct. 3), and is getting out like hot cakes. We really think it will play quite a part in changing the manner of the whole Southern press. Fortunately, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, in Chattanooga, has sent it out to all its members.

We would be grateful for your friendly interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 3, 1949

Mr. Arthur J. Armstrong
Palmetto Methodist Church
Palmetto, Florida

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We are deeply appreciative of your inquiry of September 12 concerning our organization, its aims, and policies.

The work of the Southern Regional Council is now more than twenty-five years old. In the racial troubles that followed World War I, it was found that interracial committees, hurriedly formed in cities, town, and for whole states, would serve with great usefulness to inform members of both races of slow grievances and of emergency situations. Such committees became an established part of the life of the South in the early 'twenties. They were federated and serviced by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, here in Atlanta. Influential members of both races would come together, regularly, to enable discussion of problems, and to plan and see through corrective action. Quietly their impluse was felt by newspapers, civil authorities, the churches, school officials, police administrators, health officers, and so on. The Commission helped organize, extend, and steer the work of the state and local interracial committees. It gave much time to factual analysis on the problem of lynching and other forms of interracial violence, and particularly through the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, educated a good body of Southern opinion as to the causes and possible remedies for this traditional lawlessness. Large numbers of local peace officers signed an undertaking to resist mob violence, and many thousands of Southern women enlisted in the cause of getting crime handled by the law, and by the law alone.

From all this, and much related work, the Commission and the State groups built up a body of acquaintance and confidence which is a priceless asset. Links were formed across the barriers of race which have grown through the years, and have been invaluable in stimulating general progress and emergency action all over the South.

toward the end of the 'thirties the view became increasingly prevalent that the problems of the South were being too much presented just in terms of race, and that the friction that showed up in race incidents could best be eradicated by bringing the entire population of the South abreast of modern standards in health, education, employment, farming, and culture. It was thought, too, that a richer religious life depended in no small part on a sounder base in well-being. Coupled with this view was the thought that the South could and should use her sense of regional unity as a means of organizing herself, on that sounder base. Our regional patriotism could go into public effort to build well-being.

To discuss these views region-wide meetings were held, and from them grew the decision to set up a Southern Regional Council, which would have the job of thinking and organizing and helping local and state effort in these directions. The Council was organized at the end of 1943. It absorbed the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and took on fresh direction and many new friends.

Since 1944, the Council has kept up the link with the state committees, six of which have now become full divisions of the Council (Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee); has published a stream of pamphlets pointing the way to improvement in health, housing, education, industry, agriculture, and racial understanding; has steadily increased its membership; has from time to time issued to the press statements giving the sober and informed view on this or that special difficulty; and has worked quietly to influence action by responsible bodies and agencies in all the directions of progress.

The Council has been a bi-racial organization from the start, and its staff has been drawn from both races. It is thus a constantly available resource of informed interracial understanding, with the whole South as its field of knowledge.and effort.

We have plans for much more to do, particularly in easing the passage to fuller democratic participation by all the people of the South, in bettering police administration, and in getting the citizens of the South to understand the various welfare functions of their state and Federal governments, and to require of them the highest possible standards of performance.

As money resources are, we are limited by a heavy burden of clerical work in mailing out pamphlets by two and ten to study groups and schools and church bodies, of getting out our little magazine, and of keeping in touch with leadership in the various state committees. We need funds with which to create. From foundations, from a few church bodies, and from our membership we get enough thus far to keep us going, with a little time and personnel for shaping public opinion, but pitifully little.

We welcome to membership those who subscribe to our aims and purposes as outlined. We shall be most happy to have you join us if you would care to do so. Single membership is three dollars per year; joint membership of husband

and wife is four dollars. Both types of membership include subscription to our monthly magazine, New South, and any other publications issued during the year. May we not hear from you further?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh
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October 3, '49

Bishop W. Y. Bell
Holsey Institute
Cordele, Ga.

Dear Bishop Bell,

Here is a brand-new pamphlet from the Council. I do hope that, pressed as you are just now, you can take a minute to see its possibilities.

Time Magazine gave it national prominence in this week's issue, and so did Newsweek. That's rare for this sort of thing, as you know.

I have gotten it to all the newspapers in the South, through the kindness of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Assn, which mialed it out. So the papers have it.

Now the task is to get it into the hands of interested newspaper readers. Here I hope for the help of the Church.

Any local minister who will get a copy or two, circulate it among his members, and then after some careful reading of the papers, arrange a visit by a small (preferably bi-racial) committee to his local editor, will greatly help his Church, his people, and himself. And it isn't quarrellsome, and doesn't raise issues that Churches feel ruled away from.

I ran a sizeable printer's bill to get it in print, and I have to sell them at 15 cents each. But it is already popular. Mr. C. C. Spaulding's Board bought a thousand for the N C Mutual Life Ins. Co. to mail out to policyholders. Bishop R. R. Wright bought 500 the other day to get out to his ministers. The Atlanta Conference of the National Baptist group (or more accurately, the President of the Atlanta Ministers' Baptist Conference) too 500.

Will you please consider whether the CME Church in Georgia can do something toward getting its ministers to take on this useful act of leadership? We are at your service.

Cordially,

October 3, 1949

Mrs. Emily M. Danton, Director
Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Danton:

On June 8 you sent us an order for two sets of our publications, each set to be billed in duplicate to a separate fund of the Birmingham Public Library and for a membership in the Council in the name of the Library, bill again to be sent in duplicate.

We sent two sets of our publications, billing one set to the Birmingham Public Library, the other to the Tutwiler Fund of the Birmingham Public Library, and subsequently received payment on one set only of the materials. This payment was in amount of $3.90. Payment so far has not been received for the second set of materials which was billed to the Tutwiler Fund. Apparently no bill was issued for the membership which you requested. Since membership in the Council is confined to individuals we are now therefore entering subscription to our publications service which gives you the same subscription to New South, plus all other pamphlets issued during the year as you would have as a member. Bill in duplicate is enclosed.

If you will be good enough to check on the matter of payment for the second set of materials this will be very helpful to us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 3, 1949

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Managing Editor
Birmingham World
312 North 17th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jackson:

It is a pleasure to send you two copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. We are in hopes that it will prove one of the most useful things the Council has done.

We sent a story about it to ANP and to the Atlanta World and hoped it would get some play, but as yet have seen little.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 3, 1949

Mr. Carl A. Jones, Jr., Publisher
Johnson City Press-Chronicle
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

We greatly appreciate your request of September 30 for a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS. It is a pleasure to send you one.

We have tried to prepare it in a constructive spirit with due allowance for the special circumstances of each paper.

I wonder if you would care either to join the Council or to take out a subscription to our small monthly magazine, New South. I send along a folder about the Council and two or three recent issues of New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

October 3, 1949

Mrs. Chester E. Martin
3590 Ivy Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Martin:

We searched our books on receipt of your card but could find no record of any membership payment to the Council. It then occurred to me that it might have been the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with which the Council is closely affiliated, that you had paid dues to. This proved to be correct.

Simple dues to the Georgia Commission are $3.00, I believe, and one dollar additional entitles you to receive New South. Our subscription rate to New South is actually $1.50, but we have arranged with Dr. Russell to send New South to any member of the Georgia Commission who pays one dollar additional in dues.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 3, 1949

Rev. John Masterson
Saint Anthony's Priory
4640 Canal Street
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Father Masterson:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 29. I look forward to being with you.

For certainty's sake I will take the train, which will take me right on into the city, of course--before eight A.M. on the 19th. That will give me ample time for a visit or two downtown in the forenoon. I will be free for any service you may wish from me in the morning and at midday. My only need in the forenoon is for about a single hour downtown.

Mrs. Cohn's group does not meet until 3:30 PM.

I will be delighted to have luncheon with you at Dominican, and to speak at any time thereabouts that you may wish. If I could serve Ursuline also in the morning, I would be happy to.

It is kind of you to offer to meet me but, as I will be downtown, I can get to anywhere you wish at the hour you name.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 3, 1949
Dict. September 30

Miss Cassandra E. Maxwell
721 Russell Street, NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

Thank you so much for the order for four copies of the self-survey manual. They are going out today.

We are delighted that there is prospect of a survey in Orangeburg. Let us help you in any way we can at all.

Meanwhile, turn up copies of the October 3 issues of Time and Newsweek, which have grand stories of Race in the News. We have found in Atlanta that the visit of a local bi-racial committee to the two editors, little green book in hand, has already worked small wonders.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 3, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rasmussen
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen:

Our records indicate that you came to us in November 1947 as joint members and that since that time Mr. Rasmussen has become one of our SRC fellows. As such he is exempt from the payment of dues.

$3.00 per year would cover Mrs. Rasmussen's dues. We are very eager to keep her membership too and so trust that there will not be too much difficulty in finding the three dollars.

With all good wishes

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

October 3, 1949

Mr. P. F. Schaffer
The Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies, Inc.
North Cohocton, New York

Dear Mr. Schaffer:

In reply to your recent inquiry, our records indicate that you sent one dollar on December 20, 1948, to cover the subscription of Prairie View A. & M. College to our New South, and that you sent an additional fifty cents on March 28, 1949 to make your payment complete. Prairie View A. & M. there fore is now payed up for the year 1949. !

If this does not give you the information you need, please let us hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:nh

October 3, 1949

The Rev. Mr. Emerson Smith
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches
109 Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Could you take on the job of representing the Southern Regional Council at the inauguration of Mr. Alonzo Moron as president of Hampton Institute on Saturday, October 29?

It begins with a conference Thursday evening, October 27, on "The College, the Negro, and Industry,"; but the official ceremony is on Saturday, October 29, and that is the only day you would have to give to it.

The Council would be happy to pay your expenses to Hampton and back.

Please let us know pretty quickly what you can do. You would be our best foot forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

October 3, 1949

Mr. Garland N. White
P. O. Box 2211
Montgomery 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your card of October 1.

Here is a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS.

We have to charge fifteen cents for it. I hope you will be good enough to send us back that sum.

Do you belong to the Council? We would greatly like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

Here is some account of the queer events.

On Saturday morning, September 24, the Reverend Mr. C. A. Hall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants--Superanuate Homes of the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, was sitting in his office in the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, with the labeled door partly open. An individual entered and asked if Dr. Russell (who occupies an office two or three doors away and is director of the Georgia Interracial Commission) were about. Mr. Hall explained that Dr. Russell did not ordinarily come in on Saturday mornings. The visitor turned to leave but, looking again at the label on the door, reentered and said, "I am Dr. McPherson of the Rockefeller Foundation."

Some conversation then ensued about the arrangements of the Methodist Church for superanuate homes, which the caller stated was in his experience unique. He then went on to say that Rockefeller Foundation still owned an estate at Thomasville, Georgia, which they were about to liquidate. The estate had on it a seven-room caretaker's house, in good condition, but unoccupied for three years. The trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, he said, were to meet in Thomasville in ten days or so, and he thought it would be quite feasible for the vacant house to be deeded over to use by one of the retired Methodist ministers. He made minute inquiries, and appeared to take notes, as to the corporate name of that division of the Methodist Church, the date of chartering, and other details, saying that these would be material to any gift.

Meanwhile Mr. Hall had busied himself to locate Dr. Russell, who about that time turned up. The visitor was introduced to Dr. Russell as Dr. McPherson of the Rockefeller Foundation. Thereafter some conference occurred in Dr. Russell's office, part of the time in company with Mrs. M. E. Tilly, who is importantly connected with the Methodist Church, the Georgia Interracial Commission, and the Southern Regional Council.

I believe the visitor stated that he knew of the Georgia Interracial Commission's plea to the Rockefeller Foundation for funds (I believe a mythical illusion) and knew that it had not been successful, but wished to confer as to their needs. Dr. Russell, I presume, gave the visitor some account of the needs of the Georgia Interracial Commission.

At about this point I arrived at my office (ordinarily closed on Saturdays) and, my door being open, Mrs. Tilly came in and said that a visitor was present from the Rockefeller Foundation, and I should come down and talk with him.

I brought the visitor to my office. We talked for close to an hour. The Council's long-range needs and plans were outlined by me. The visitor said that he realized we had an immediate, urgent need and how much was that? Four or five thousand, I said, would see us through the next pay period or two and tide us over a particularly difficult spot. He said that he would busy himself in the next two or three days toward finding such a sum, and would call me on the following Tuesday, which would have been September 27.

He further said that "they" would all be there at Thomasville October 5 and 6, and that I should come down with Dr. Russell and Mrs. Tilly to stay at the Inn, to be there for the afternoon of the 5th and for all day the 6th. He asked if I knew that the General Education Board, because of the imminence of federal aid to education, was preparing to liquidate, and that henceforth any gifts made would come directly from the Foundation. I pleaded ignorance to this development. (I am pretty ignorant at this far end anyway.)

He had dropped somewhere that he had knowledge of Africa, and I opened up a pet proposal of mine for getting at racial prejudice in the South via a long-term educational program as to the history of African society--a history of course grossly and injuriously misrepresented in the entire New World. He said that he was the son of a Presbyterian missionary and had been born in Africa, where he had lived for sixteen years. Further,

that he spent all last year in Africa. This was a material point in my delusion, because it tended to explain in my mind the completeness of my lack of any linkage of such a Dr. McPherson with the Rockefeller Foundation or the General Education Board. My notion had included use of documentary movies. He went on to say that the forthcoming meeting in Thomasville would be a particularly appropriate time to develop that proposal, as Louis de Rochemont would be present, and Louis de Rochemont had lately been commissioned, the visitor said, by the March of Time to do a series of movies which would spread in the United States a wider knowledge of foreign affairs. Obviously due attention to African matters could be worked into such a series of motion pictures.

My visitor then left me, saying he wished to confer again with Mr. Hall. He saw Mr. Hall in company with the Reverend Mr. Edward G. Mackay, a distinguished Methodist minister of Atlanta. After some conversation about the house, the visitor looked at his watch, asked what time the banks closed, and was told that they did not open on Saturday. He was asked how much he needed and he said twenty-five or thirty dollars. Some effort was made to raise that sum in cash on the floor, but the two or three Methodist ministers about, understandably, could not raise that much. Mr. Hall, I believe, suggested that a check could be cashed at some nearby place of business. The visitor, Dr. Mackay, and Mr. Hall then went to Muse's Store (men's furnishings). The visitor was introduced as Dr. McPherson of the Rockefeller Foundation. He said he did not happen to have a check on the Chase Bank, whereupon Muse's suggested that he simply draw a draft, which was done. Mr. Hall noticed that Muse's handed him five ten-dollar bills. The check-cashing action was accompanied by patter relating to the ages of those present. Dr. Mackay professed to be 65, Mr. Hall 64, and the visitor 64. (Mr. Hall and I agreed that he looked nearer 52.)

Mr. Hall developed suspicions on that Saturday afternoon but, I believe, said nothing further about them until some days later. Meanwhile, Mrs. Tilly and Dr. Russell and I duly made plans to take ourselves to Thomasville for the 5th and 6th. Dr. Russell, after conversation with Mr. Hall, took the precaution of calling Thomasville. The town has a hotel, which had no knowledge of Mr. McPherson, and also the Rosemary Inn, which said he had stayed there upon an occasion, and that he had made a reservation for several days at about this time, but that he had since cancelled the reservation. Two or three letters were being held at the Rosemary Inn addressed to McPherson. One of these, we learned today by 'phone, was from a citizens' health association which was an affiliate of the Georgia Citizens' Council. The visitor had inquired of me, as he had of Dr. Russell, as to the worthiness of this group.

For a description, Dr. Russell and I agree on a height of 5' 5", baldish, with some sandy hair. Light-colored eyes, neat dark blue suit. Weight, 140, slightly florid complexion.

I am informed indirectly from Muse's that the check came back marked "signature not recognized". We have not conferred yet with Muse's as to making them whole, but propose to do so.

Our resources for police action would be limited to the Atlanta Detective Force or the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

It has occurred to me that persons connected with the Rockefeller Foundation might desire to engage a private detective to track this individual down. We have as yet made no complaint to the police, but should appreciate your advice as to appropriate steps to be taken.

I have omitted one item. The visitor told Mr. Hall early in his conversation that he was an M.D.

My own apologies for being taken in. I can only say that the visitor's bearing, appearance, and information was comparable with that of various Foundation officials with whom it has been my privilege to talk. In retrospect, I can see that his prospective generosity--particularly upon verbal commitments only--was unusual; that he was unusual also in his willingness to absorb information, plea, and suggestion without countering; but that his quality of understanding and sympathizing with our needs was impressive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

October 4, 1949

Mr. George J. Hecht
American Parents Committee, Inc.
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

I have tentative plans for being in New York Friday, October 14, the date of the luncheon.

I can't yet be sure, so I can't make a definite reservation. Nevertheless, if I am in the city I will turn up, and shall give you as much advance notice as I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Mr. Morris B. Herndon, President
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Herndon:

You will be interested in this fine write-up from the October 3 issue of Time Magazine about RACE IN THE NEWS. There was a similar article in Newsweek of October 3 (page 58).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 4, 1949

Dr. W. S. Hornsby
Executive Vice-President
The Pilgrim H. and L. Insurance Company
Box 904
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hornsby:

You will recall my letter of September 12 about Race in the News.

I send you a page from the current issue of Time Magazine, which gives a fine write-up of the pamphlet. Newsweek carried one also.

I do hope the Pilgrim Company will reach a favorable decision on buying a block of the little green book. It is important just now for it to get into the hands of as many interested readers as possible.

We have already had extraordinary examples in Atlanta papers of the effect of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 4, 1949

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Managing Editor
Birmingham World
312 North 17th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jackson:

When I wrote you yesterday, I had not seen the fine story that the Atlanta World carried on Wednesday, September 28, about RACE IN THE NEWS.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Mr. W. G. Lehman
333 W. 4th Street, Apt. 19
Long Beach 12, California

Dear Mr. Lehman:

Thank you for your note about Race in the News, with the twenty-five cents enclosed. Since the price is only fifteen cents, we are sending you two copies. They are going separately, with one or two general leaflets about our Council that might be of interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Mr. James H. Lewis, President and
Chairman of the Board
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
101 East Union Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

You will recall my letter of September 13 about Race in the News.

Time and Newsweek are carrying stories about the pamphlet in their current issues. Enclosed are tear sheets.

I do greatly hope that the Company will find it possible to purchase a block of the pamphlet. It is of real importance now to get the little green book out into the hands of as many interested readers as possible.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosures

cc: Mr. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
186 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

October 4, 1949

Mr. L. W. Merkison
583 Houston Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Merkison:

You will be interested in this fine copy of Greenville's publication about veterans' training.

I think some of their progress is attributable to your work in the early stages.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

We were delighted with this fine story in the current issue of Time about RACE IN THE NEWS. There is a similar story in the October 3 Newsweek (page 58).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 4, 1949

Miss Margaret Rimer
Columbus Grove, Ohio

Dear Miss Rimer:

Here is a copy of Race in the News, for which you wrote September 29. We charge fifteen cents for it, and would be glad to get that much--stamps--for it.

I send along a folder about the Council which may interest you also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

October 4, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Company
1416 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Time Magazine carried a nice story this week about Race in the News. Here is a tear sheet.

Also a similar one in Newsweek (page 58).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 4, '49

Dear Mr. Tabor,

Here is a honey. I send you two copies.

You may have seen the remarkable notice it got in both Time and Newsweek, Oct. 3. It has been sent out, officially, to all the white papers in the South by the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Assn.

Now the next thing is to arrange follow-up in cities and towns across the South. If a vo. ag. teacher, or a minister, or a lodge-leader, or a business man, will get a few people to read it, and then organize a one-time (preferably bi-racial) committee to go and see the editor, little green book in hand, I guarantee you important changes will appear in the paper. It was done here in Atlanta two weeks ago, and remarkable results have appeared in both papers.

We have had many large blok orders. The N C Mutual Life Ins. Co. bought a thousand, to get out to policyholders. Bishop R. R. Wright bought 500, to send to his ministers. The Atlanta Ministers Baptist Assn. bought several hundred. The Georgia KP bought a hundred, and so on.

I don't know just what you can do, but I do ask for your friendly interest. There is hardly any other small project, wiating around to be picked up, that could pay so richly in betterment of racial attitudes.

Pamphlet costs 15 cents a copy.

To save my (personal) typing fingers, would you be kind enough to show this to Fr. Brown, and ask his interest, too?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 4, 1949

Miss Betty Yarbrough, Editor
News Views
Veterans Training School
Greenville City Schools
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Yarbrough:

My very warm congratulations on the fine September 1949 issue of News Views.

Our Council has thought from the beginning that the veterans' training program was one of the most useful phases of American life. I was delighted to see that Greenville has gone so far with it.

We have a special interest in Negro matters and were the more pleased, therefore, to see the fine coverage which the issue gave of Negro training ventures.

I send you a copy of our latest pamphlet, Race in the News, which I think you will like.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 5, 1949

Mr. Edward E. Blodgett, Editor
Cortland Tribune
c/o Department of Journalism
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

We are mighty glad that you saw Walter Spearman's copy of Race in the News and thought it a good piece of work. It has already yielded some good fruit here in Atlanta, and we hope it will be equally successful elsewhere in the South.

One of the things we are trying to do is to get the booklet into the hands of as many appropriate people as possible, newspaper men and newspaper readers. Perhaps you saw the account in Time this week which told of the fact that the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association is sending the pamphlet to each of its members. Your idea of getting it to publishers in the North is a good one. It has occurred to us that we might be able to get the American Newspaper Publishers Association to buy up some copies and send them out. If you have any advice to give us, we shall be grateful.

I am sending you a copy gratis. Unfortunately, our emaciated budget makes it necessary to charge fifteen cents apiece for the other nine. We will be glad to send more if you need them.

I also enclose a leaflet telling what our Council is. We should value you as an associate member.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 5, 1949

Professor G. McLeod Bryan
Roberts School of Christianity
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Professor Bryan:

Thank you for your inquiry of September 12 concerning our organization.

The work of the Southern Regional Council is now more than twenty-five years old. In the racial troubles that followed World War I, it was found that interracial committees, hurriedly formed in cities, towns, and for whole states, would serve with great usefulness to inform members of both races of slow grievances and of emergency situations. Such committees became an established part of the life of the South in the early 'twenties. They were federated and serviced by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, here in Atlanta. Influential members of both races would come together, regularly, to enable discussion of problems, and to plan and see through corrective action. Quietly their impluse was felt by newspapers, civil authorities, the churches, school officials, police administrators, health officers, and so on. The Commission helped organize, extend, and steer the work of the state and local interracial committees. It gave much time to factual analysis on the problem of lynching and other forms of interracial violence, and particularly through the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, educated a good body of Southern opinion as to the causes and possible remedies for this traditional lawlessness. Large numbers of local peace officers signed an undertaking to resist mob violence, and many thousands of Southern women enlisted in the cause of getting crime handled by the law, and by the law alone.

From all this, and much related work, the Commission and the state groups built up a body of acquaintance and confidence which is a priceless asset. Links were formed across the barriers of race which have grown through the years, and have been invaluable in stimulating general progress and emergency action all over the South.

Toward the end of the 'thirties the view became increasingly prevalent that the problems of the South were being too much presented just in terms of race, and that the friction that showed up in race incidents could best be eradicated by bringing the entire population of the South abreast of modern standards in health, education, employment, farming, and culture. It was thought, too, that a richer religious life depended in no small part on a sounder base in well-being. Coupled with this view was the thought that the South could and should use her sense of regional unity as a means of organizing herself, on that sounder base. Our regional patriotism could go into public effort to build well-being.

To discuss these views region-wide meetings were held, and from them grew the decision to set up a Southern Regional Council, which would have the job of thinking and organizing and helping local and state effort in these directions. The Council was organized at the end of 1943. It absorbed the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and took on fresh direction and many new friends.

Since 1944, the Council has kept up the link with the state committees, six of which have now become full divisions of the Council (Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee); has published a stream of pamphlets pointing the way to improvement in health, housing, education, industry, agriculture, and racial understanding; has steadily increased its membership; has from time to time issued to the press statements giving the sober and informed view on this or that special difficulty; and has worked quietly to influence action by responsible bodies and agencies in all the directions of progress.

The Council has been a bi-racial organization from the start, and its staff has been drawn from both races. It is thus a constantly available resource of informed interracial understanding, with the whole South as its field of knowledge and effort.

We have plans for much more to do, particularly in easing the passage to fuller democratic participation by all the people of the South, in bettering police administration, and in getting the citizens of the South to understand the various welfare functions of their state and Federal governments, and to require of them the highest possible standards of performance.

As money resources are, we are limited by a heavy burden of clerical work in mailing out pamphlets by two and ten to study groups and schools and church bodies, of getting out our little magazine, and of keeping in touch with leadership in the various state committees. We need funds with which to create. From foundations, from a few church bodies, and from our membership we get enough thus far to keep us going, with a little time and personnel for shaping public opinion, but pitifully little.

We welcome to membership those who subscribe to our aims and purposes as outlined. We shall be most happy to have you join us if you would care to do so. Single membership is three dollars per year; joint membership of husband

and wife is four dollars. Both types of membership include subscription to our monthly magazine, New South, and any other publication issued during the year. May we not hear from you further?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 5, 1949

Mr. Joseph D. Lohman
Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lohman:

Thank you for your good letter of September 27.

We knew of the hope for a police training academy in Louisville. I am glad to hear that it has so much enthusiastic support. You can be sure that we will do all we can through the regional office and our Kentucky Division to further the idea.

Your work in this field is invaluable. What we have to do now is to get more of it into the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 5, 1949

Mr. H. J. Siegel, Manager
Shoreland Hotel
5454 South Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Siegel:

Thank you for your letter of October 3 about my reservation for November 3.

Mr. John V. Lassoe's letter to you of Seprember 30 proposing to cancel my reservation was erroneous. I am coming to Chicago, and shall badly need my erstwhile reservation.

So please put it back on the books in good standing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 5, 1949

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

I know you will rejoice with us in this fine story from the October 3 issue of Time Magazine about RACE IN THE NEWS. There is a similar one in the October 3 Newsweek.

I have not so far been able to get any of the other life insurance companies to follow the North Carolina Mutual's great example, although I have written to Atlanta Life, Guarantee, Pilgrim, and Afro-American.

Good Mr. G. D. Rogers bought fifty personally, and said he thought he might be able to stir up demand for others.

A committee of six church women, three white and three Negro, visited a week or ten days ago the editors of the big Atlanta newspapers, little green book in hand. We have already had remarkable improvement in the way those two papers are carrying Negro news. Headlines are reproachless. The Constitution has carried pictures of Negro citizens in a quite unprecedented way, and has put fine stories about Gammon and Dr. McLendon's hospital in prominent places.

I am sure we are onto something good.

The more I look back on the Council's problems of the last few months, the more deeply grateful I am to you and Mr. Wheeler for the main pulling which you both have done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 5, 1949

Dr. A. Stephen Stephan, Head
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

Thank you for the additional information on West Memphis. I shall see that it is included in your report.

We appreciate your kind comment on Race in the News. It shows signs of being one of the most popular things we have done, and also one of the most effective. One of our jobs is to get it into the hands of appropriate people--and also to pay the printing bill! Do you think the department of journalism at the University of Arkansas could be persuaded to buy some copies for classroom use? Emory University has just bought a hundred copies for its journalism courses. If you could help us with this, or offer other suggestions, we should be very grateful.

One of the things that pleases us is that the booklet has already got tangible results from the newspapers here in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosure

October 5, 1949

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
46 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

Glad to have your letter.

Here is a list of public libraries serving all races with the same books and facilities:

Richmond, Virginia
Covington, Ky. and Kenton County, Ky.
Louisville, Ky.
Chattanooga, Tennessee
*Boydton, Virginia
*Charlotte Court House, Virginia
*Halifax, Virginia
Austin Public and Travis County Libraries, Texas
Stinnett and Hutchinson County, Texas
Brady, Texas (also a separate Negro Branch)
El Paso, Texas
Lufkin, Texas
Pecos, Texas
Corpus Christi, Texas
Dallas, Texas
Missions, Texas
San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas
Wharton and Wharton County, Texas

* Full privileges, but separate reading rooms

The most outstanding cities are Louisville, Kentucky, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Richmond, Virginia. I believe there is some limitation in Richmond, in that Negro school children are not expected to use the main downtown library.

We understand that Savannah, Georgia, and Raleigh, North Carolina maintain separate boards for the Negro and white libraries, the white libraries being governed by whites and the Negro libraries being governed by boards with Negro and white members. Other details and specific examples of such mixed boards for local libraries are given in The Southern Negro and the Public Library, by Gleason. (University of Chicago Press, 1941.)

We are informed that in Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, and Kentucky, the Negro Library Associations have the right to membership in other library associations. In Louisiana and Texas the state library associations have voted to meet only in places where white and Negro members could convene together. In Kentucky Negro and white groups meet in Louisville and eat together.

The following organizations hold meetings in the South involving both races. We have no details about types of program, banquets, and so on.

Library Associations: Negro speakers are frequently present. Sometimes there are Negroes on the various committees and the groups have luncheon together.
American Association of Schools of Social Work
American Association of Social Workers -- do not have meals together
Southern Sociological Society
Child Welfare League of America
National Association of Housing Officials
National Conference of Social Work
American Red Cross
Family Welfare Association
American Psychological Association
National Tuberculosis Association
North Carolina Nurses Association (?)

Other associations which might be added are: the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education; the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and the Southern Regional Council might be mentioned as additional bodies. It might also be said that a good many local professional gatherings are held by the YWCA's in the South, including both races.

I do know that for several years it was customary for the old Farm Security Administration, in holding its state gatherings in southern states and its occasional general meetings in the South, to include its Negro professional staff. I have lately seen a picture of the Agricultural Extension Service of Georgia in convention, including members of both races--at a meeting held only a few weeks ago.

The Georgia Conference of Social Welfare, meeting annually in a Georgia city, always contains a good number of Negro participants.

The Committee on Southern Regional Studies and Education (of the American Council on Education) has held several interracial conferences in the South.

In North Carolina, we understand that the North Carolina Resource-Use Education Commission has members from both races, and that it has held a number of meetings with white and Negro participants.

The Georgia Citizens' Council, which is an agency of the state government, has in some years included Negro members in the audience and Negro program participants, but more lately it has been customary for its program to be provided in duplicate sessions for Negro and white members.

Any professional body in the South will be subjected nowadays to hardly a ripple of criticism for convening together. The matter of a banquet or other recreational program is more toughy, but simple convention for the business of the professional group is fully precedented.

I do not think it will be long before in several southern states the school teachers will meet together annually.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 5, 1949

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
46 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

The leaflet is a beautiful job and we are most grateful for it. I will get it out quickly.

Send us the bill and we will start scraping up money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 5, 1949
Dict. October 4

Dr. E. W. Taggart
Masonic Temple Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Dr. Taggart:

Here is a honey of a new pamphlet we have done. It is moving fast. Time and Newsweek both covered it in their October 3 issues--beautifully. We have had large block orders from life insurance companies and churches and colleges.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has mailed it to all of their members.

Can't you get some people in Birmingham to use it and get its fruits? It merely involves having a small one-time committee of white and Negro citizens--maybe church women--to read it and then go and call on the editors and ask them to hold more closely to the rules laid down in the little green book. That was done in Atlanta two weeks ago and it has already worked wonders with both papers.

More importantly than Birmingham, I want such action taken in cities and towns across the South. That means getting this idea to churches and lodges and luncheon groups and sororities and so on, in order that each town's people can be brought around. You can see the benefit not only to citizens, but to the organizations and their leaders who accomplish change in the papers.

I will greatly appreciate your influence and thought in getting that sort of thing done.

We have stacks of the pamphlet to sell for 15¢ apiece. We also have this free leaflet (enclosed) that tells about it.

Lastly, we are awful broke. Would it stretch you too hard to find us some such sum as Mr. Comer and Mr. Gaston wrote you about last June?

My warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
enclosures

October 5, 1949

Mr. J. Finley Wilson
IBPOE
P. O. Box 1824
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Here are two copies of a brand new pamphlet which our Council has just got out.

It is a lot more than just another little pamphlet. Amazingly, it got lengthy notice in this week's issues of Time and Newsweek (October 3). A copy of it has been sent by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association to every newspaper in the South. It has been bought already in large blocks, five hundred and a thousand at a time, by life insurance companies, fraternal organizations, and church groups.

The thing I want to do is to get it into the hands of local leaders all over the South. After they have read it they can set up little one-time committees, preferably of both races, who will go and call on their local editor and ask the editor to come up to the rules of the little green book. It has been tried and it works. You will see that whatever local leader does that has helped himself, his organization, and his townspeople.

Couldn't you buy a good big chunk of them and get them out to your lodges with a suggestion that they take action locally--pamphlet in hand?

They cost fifteen cents apiece.

Any number of people I can name you would speak well of this operation: Mr. Mays, here in Atlanta, Dr. Charles Johnson, Mr. C. C. Spaulding (whose company bought a thousand), Bishop R. R. Wright in Atlanta, and so on.

I do think this is a chance to do a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosures

October 6, 1949

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

It is tough, I know, but we have to be pulled through in some way.

Mr. Byrd is hard at work.

Mr. Byrd and I are on a northward trip this coming week. He needs to be in Richmond Monday, October 10, but I will have him in the car on the back run, and in your area on Thursday or Friday, October 13 or 14. We will come right to the farm and greatly hope that we will catch you. He wants to see Dr. Odum if he can also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I have just had opportunity to talk with Fred McCuistion, who opened channels by which it might be possible for us to get a sort of emergency grant from GEB of $5,000. You know those possibilities are not probabilities, but I will of course apply.

GSM

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
305 Bankers Security Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Billikopf:

Thank you for writing. Mary has kept me up with you and Mrs. Billikopf.

We have had great success with RACE IN THE NEWS. Time and Newsweek both carried fine stories of it, and it is finding a larger circulation and more use than anything we have turned out before.

Do not perplex yourself about the Council's troubles. We are doing a good job and, in one way or another, money will be found to keep it going. I am told on every hand that these are particularly hard times for any philanthropic cause.

I do wish that I were nearer to Philadelphia and, therefore, had an occasional opportunity to renew for my part of this generation Father's deep attachment to you and yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. J. C. Blair
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Blair:

This is a pamphlet of some importance. We have had it in print only a couple of weeks, and already it has been the subject of articles in both Time and Newsweek in the issues of October 3.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it to all their member papers.

You will be fully aware of the movement which has been growing for some time in the South for the papers to be fairer and fuller in their coverage of news about Negro matters. RACE IN THE NEWS is an effort to swell and make more effective that movement.

The next step is to get it widely into the hands of conscientious and interested people. Many of them may feel moved to arrange visits to their local editors in the interest of the rules laid down in the little green book.

It has already been bought in good big blocks by various groups of teachers, ministers, and by one or two of the larger Negro life insurance companies to mail out to policy holders.

The Council will be particularly pleased if the Jeanes teachers could receive RACE IN THE NEWS. Very possibly many of the regular teachers would be interested in it.

We have it in good supply at fifteen cents a copy. We are too poor to send it out for free. Would you be good enough to see whether this or that small treasury could buy enough to distribute--perhaps the association of Jeanes teachers or some such similar group?

You will see that it is written constructively and with every allowance for the special circumstances in which each editor finds himself. We believe that with thoughtful follow-up work in towns and cities across the South, the little pamphlet can do a lot to improve the practices of southern papers on matters of race.

I would be most grateful for a letter telling me what you think can be done with it in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 6, 1949

Dear Horace:

You are a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Horace Cayton
1458 Union Street
Brooklyn, New York

October 6, 1949

Chief of Police
Orange, Texas

Dear Sir:

For several years now, the Southern Regional Council has kept as accurate a record as possible of the employment of colored policemen in Southern cities. This information has been much in demand. It has proved particularly helpful to chiefs of police and other officials in those cities considering adding Negro policemen as an aid to law enforcement in the colored community.

According to our records, your city is one of those using Negro policemen. To insure that our list is correct, it is our policy to request official confirmation each year from the chiefs of police concerned.

We shall greatly appreciate your cooperation in filling out the attached questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:nh

October 6, 1949
Dict. October 5

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

You got a week or so ago the mimeographed letter about RACE IN THE NEWS.

I wonder if the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation could not buy 500 copies of the pamphlet and arrange for distribution to people over the state who are in a position to get something done in their own communities along the lines of the pamphlet? Mr. Banks was here today, and I gathered that he would be entirely willing to get them out to people in the Agricultural Extension Service, in vocational education, to some of the ministers, and otherwise. You would know of many others who would be likely to use it in a way to produce betterment in local papers.

We have to sell them at fifteen cents apiece. Five hundred of them is not a lot -- $75 -- and I am sure that they would do an incalculable amount of good. Do please consider whether such a plan is feasible and let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 6, 1949

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

When Mr. Banks was here he very kindly raised the matter of absence of any acquaintance in Texas with one of the Fellows. I personally plead entirely guilty on that. If I remember things aright, all of the other Fellows gained that status on the recommendation of the Texas Commission. I am afraid I didn't correspond with you about Mr. Jewel Tatum, currently teaching at Mary Allen College at Crockett.

He had worked for the Council for a year in the old Veterans Service Division ('45-46). He came on after that to Atlanta University and took a Master's degree in social work. I knew him and liked him and thought him good material for helping matters along in Texas. His father, I believe, was a college teacher in Texas for many years.

I did not get from Mr. Banks that anyone had any objection to Mr. Tatum, but rather that there was some question as to how an individual not generally known became a Fellow.

I confess it is something I did when I had not been long in this job. I quite understand that Fellows should in every case be recommended by those in each state who are interested in the Council's work. I believe, however, that when young Mr. Tatum gets better known, he will be widely liked.

We are still quite short of Fellows from Texas. The present list is:

Mr. Jackson Valtair
5201 Belmont Street
Dallas

Mrs. Pauline Watkins Campbell
Jeanes Supervisor, Walker County
Huntsville

Dr. R. C. Koeninger
Professor of Sociology
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville

Dr. E. B. Perry
Rms. 223-224
Pilgrim Building
Houston 3

Mr. Jewel Tatum
Mary Allen College
Crockett

If the Commission would list for us four or five other persons who ought to be Fellows, we would be delighted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Hon. Brooks Hays
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I have pondered much, and much too long, about your proposal. I just don't see how it could be organized. I don't doubt that a good many important Negro citizens in the South would regard as gain a program much modified from the official one, but I also don't doubt that they cannot lend their support to anything else than what the President's Committee on Civil Rights recommended. Neither can Truman democrats ask for much less. Dixiecrats will have none of any of it. It looks to me as if the Congressmen are going to have to be the goats and get through the best they can.

Anyway, by the announcement of the other day, the heat is off for this session.

I expect to be in Washington Wednesday and Thursday of next week. That is October 12 and 13. I will call you as soon as I get in and find when, if at all, you can find time for me.

Meanwhile, take a look at this, our latest pamphlet. It really is a honey and is doing a lot of good already.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. Elmer Henderson, Chairman
American Council on Human Rights
1130 6th Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

A couple of weeks ago our Council got out this pamphlet. It is popular already. Time and Newsweek have both picked it up and given it good stories. N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company bought a thousand to mail to policy holders. Various church groups have bought it in blocks, five hundred or so at a time, to get out. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has already sent it to all the white papers in the South.

The next thing is to get it into the hands of interested readers of the papers all over the South. I can think of no group which would be as ready as yours to see the possibilities of a local action program based on this pamphlet. The thing we hope for is that in town after town across the South small committees, preferably of both races, will go, little green book in hand, to their editor and ask for his best effort in following the book's rules.

I would be most grateful if you would consider seriously whether the American Council on Human Rights, or its component organizations, could in some way purchase a sizable batch of the pamphlets and get them out to people who could use them effectively.

It isn't as though this idea were brand new in the South. Many papers have been doing a good deal better in the last two or three years. This can greatly swell and importantly shape an already perceptible movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We are much cheered by your fine letter of October 5.

The little pamphlet is moving in big chunks: a thousand, five hundred, and a hundred at a time, to church groups, insurance companies, teachers, lodges, and so on.

Mr. Johnson's mailing of the Time reprint is perfect. We could not have done it, but coming from him, it will be very helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. Cranston Williams, General Manager
American Newspaper Publishers Association
370 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Williams:

This little pamphlet our Council has had back from the printer perhaps two weeks. It has already had remarkable usefulness.

Mr. Walter Johnson of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association mailed it out to their members. Both Time and Newsweek, in their issues of October 3, gave it good play. We have heard since that the SNPA mailed out the Time article to its members the next week as a follow-up. One New York editor ordered copies to send to publisher friends throughout the North who are now facing the problems brought about by increasing Negro population in their area. The Negro press has noticed it extensively and warmly.

We have sold the pamphlet in good quantities: a thousand to one of the Negro life insurance companies to be mailed to their policy holders, blocks of five hundred to this or that church group, and so on.

It has occurred to us that possibly some papers north of the Mason and Dixon Line would like to have the pamphlet as a manual for usage in handling Negro news.

I send you three copies, and the query of whether the ANPA would wish to purchase some for distribution selectively or generally. We sell them at fifteen cents apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 6, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the 'phone conversation today.

We will change our plans and Byrd will arrive alone, by train, in Richmond Monday morning, October 10. He will call you and try to get some of your time that morning. I will go on to Washington (more slowly by car) and pick Byrd up in Richmond on Wednesday or Thursday, and come back through the Chapel Hill area.

I have had an hour or so with Fred McCuistion of GEB just now and he raised the corner of a chance that we could get a sort of emergency grant of about $5,000. The office will be in a flurry tomorrow preparing the budget letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Mr. David S. Allshouse
1012 Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

That was mighty nice of you to write.

I am coming up to Washington next week, and will do my best to get hold of you and see your family.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Miss Clarice Brown
348 East Third Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Miss Brown:

Thank you for your letter of October 1.

We have no single publication about Negro history, but several of our pamphlets would be helpful. "America's Tenth Man", now in the twenty-fifth printing, has been useful in school and study groups. I am enclosing our must recent publications list so that you may decide which of our materials will be helpful.

The Kentucky Division is an affiliation of the Council. It is possible that your local group may wish to become a chapter of this organization. Mr. J. M. Tydings, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, is the chairman of the Kentucky Division, and I suggest that you write him for information. In the event that you decide not to affiliate with the Kentucky Division we shall be glad to have the members of your group take out memberships with us. This may be done through Mr. Tydings or with this office.

I am enclosing the latest pamphlets about the Council.

Please write us, if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

Sending: S.R.C.
Punch
publications l.

October 7, '49

President Felton G. Clark
Southern University
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Clark,

This is (routine) reminder of your most kind plan to bring up our membership in your area, as outlined in your letter of August 9.

We are pretty weak financially, and shall be most grateful for whtever you can contrive to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

How did you like Race in the News? It promises to be quite the one most useful thing we have done.

GSM

October 7, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I have been out of the office or I would have answered your good letter of the 28th.

The package should have indeed been sent to Mr. Rowland and I shall be very appreciative if you will undertake to get it to him from there, and will reimburse you for any expense in so doing. I am writing Mr. Rowland too, to tell him why his parcel has been delayed.

Thank you so much for taking care of this.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Detroit Public Library
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

We are very appreciative of your order Number 22302, requesting one of our publications gift-free to libraries.

We are very sorry to say that our small and always over-strained budget does not permit us to distribute our publications on a free basis, although we do make them available at a price that is well below cost. The pamphlet you mentioned, "The Negro in Our Economy," is listed at fifteen cents and may be remitted in stamps, if desired.

For your further information we are enclosing our latest publications list and trust that we may hear from you further if we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

October 7, 1949

Dr. John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Ewbank:

Thanks a lot for the excellent editorial from the Gazette, October 5.

We will try to get it into the stream of things in some way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

The Honorable Brooks Hays
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

One of my friends here has talked with an official of the Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce about the prospect of your being in Atlanta December 6. The JC man was greatly interested and will call the program people for his group and see what can be worked out. They or I will let you know as promptly as possible.

The Atlanta Bar Association has a firm rule against taking up controversial matters in various categories, under one or two of which this would fall.

I will look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The matter of the Horace Cayton column about which I talked to you yesterday has been somewhat delayed. Mr. Byrd, who, as you know, is directing the fund-raising effort, will be away all next week. On his return, he expects to work out a detailed approach of the nature we were considering. We thought it best, therefore, to hold up our plans until then, when we shall be in touch with you.

Meanwhile, I enclose a copy of Mr. Cayton's column, which you may not have seen.

I need hardly tell you how greatly we value your readiness always to help the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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October 7, 1949

Mr. Carl A. Jones, Jr., Publisher
Johnson City Press-Chronicle
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is a pleasure to send you the October 1947 issue of New South. I send also a galley proof from the October 1949 issue, which will be out in a few days. This one gives more recent figures. A copy will be sent to you when we get it from the printers.

We are grateful for your check for $1.50, and have entered a subscription for New South in the name of Mr. R. C. Hodge, Editor, Press-Chronicle, Johncon City, Tennessee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 7, 1949

Mrs. Charles F. Karnopp
461 Linden Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Karnopp:

We are indeed grateful for your action in asking friends of Mr. Karnopp and of his family to memorialize him, not perishably with flowers, but by contributing to an interest which lay close to his heart. The Council is honored at being so designated.

You would be interested, I know, in one such gift which has already come in and we are enclosing our letter of thanks for your information.

With our every good and best wish I am most

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mr. John V. Lassoe
Staff Assistant
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lassoe:

All is in order: the Shoreland has written me; I am reinstated. Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Miss Louise MacMillan
Box 191
Thomasville, North Carolina

Dear Miss MacMillan:

You wrote us some time ago that you wished yourself to become a member of the Council when the membership of your late father should expire. This membership expires this month and I am writing to say how happy we should be to have you as a member. I am enclosing our latest leaflet telling about the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mr. John H. Marion, Jr.
P. O. Box 5094
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Unfortunately we have no record of having filled your order for fifty copies of "Race in the News" We do have your remittance.

If you did not receive the order, let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

October 7, 1949

Mr. Edwin B. Meissner, Jr.
823 Westwood Drive
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Meissner:

We are very appreciative of the gift of ten dollars which you sent us awhile ago through Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk.

With the idea that you might be interested in becoming a member of the Council, we are sending you a few of our publications together with a leaflet which tells about the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mr. John N. Popham
c/o The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here is the material on the Council's fund-raising effort. I have put it in release form purely as a matter of convenience. I know you will have to juggle the facts about and perhaps leave out some of them.

I don't have to tell you how much we think of you and how grateful we are for your interest in the Council -- particularly at this rough time.

Also enclosed are the Fulton Oursler letter which Dr. Mitchell spoke of and a copy of our promotion leaflet which gives the essential dope about the council.

Your story on the Gammon affair was a beaut -- and in the News Index too! Dr. Richardson and Mr. Holsey are both exulting over it and admire you greatly.

By the way, I'll be on the lookout for that magazine article on the North-South difference in discrimination. That's too good an idea to pass up.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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October 7, 1949

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

A ten dollar gift is always received by us here with great thankfulness, but your recent check received especial acclaim. Our need for funds makes it uncommonly helpful at this time.

Our thanks and all good wishes.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mr. Gil Rowland, Managing Editor
Greenville Piedmont
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rowland:

It has come to my attention that the pamphlet materials which I stated in my letter of September 23 were being sent you under separate cover, were erroneously forwarded to Mr. J. M. Dabbs instead.

I regret so much the delay caused by this error and have asked Mr. Dabbs to forward them on to you. Please let us hear from you if we can be of further help.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Most Rev. J. F. Rummel
Archbishop of New Orleans
The Chancery
2020 South Carrolton
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Archbishop Rummel:

Friends here in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai-B'rith have called our attention to news accounts of the recent cancellation of the Annual Holy Hour of the Holy Name Society, scheduled for City Park, because of the requirement that the participants be segregated in the gathering.

This will be heartening news to the many all over the South who praise each step taken to establish the right of people to meet without artificial distinction.

I should like to add my warm admiration of the decision taken in this instance.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

AIR MAIL

The Rev. Mr. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

I have a long trip planned next week and so can't get to your inviting meeting. I would like Mrs. Simpson to go, in order to further the self-survey idea, but I can't know until Monday whether she will be back from a trip she is on now. If not Mrs. Simpson, then probably Mr. Fleming. We do expect to get one of us there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Mr. James D. Shacter
United Press Associations
Detroit Bureau
813 West Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Shacter:

I am glad to send you a complimentary copy of Race in the News. Additional copies are available at fifteen cents each, should you have need for more.

The pamphlet is already showing signs of great usefulness in the South. And we are beginning to get requests for it from editors in other parts of the country.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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October 7, 1949

Mrs. Albert Smith
1092 Oak Street
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Smith:

We are indeed grateful for your check sent in memory of Mr. Charles F. Karnopp, a valued member and friend of the Council.

Mrs. Karnopp will, I know, be deeply appreciative of this generous and thoughtful expression of your regard. She is being informed as of this mailing.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, '49

Dear Emerson, (Smith...Virginia Council of Churches)

Thank you a lot for arranging to send Race in the News out to the local committees. We acknowledge your check for 2.25, with much appreciation.

It is going nicely, and will do a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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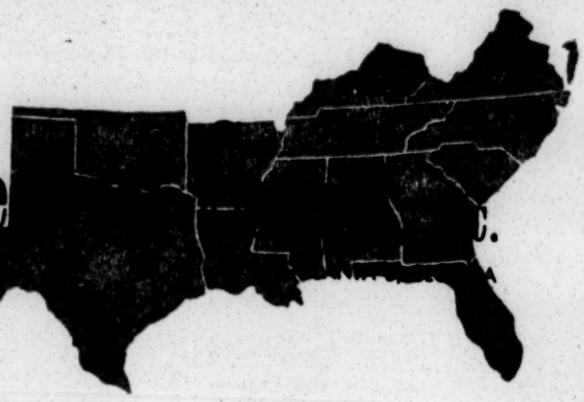

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 7, 1949

TO SRC FELLOWS:

We sent you the other day RACE IN THE NEWS. It has already got to all the newspaper editors in the South. Now I want to get it to interested newspaper readers in towns and cities right across the South. Having it, they should not simply file it. They should use it as the basis of getting up a small committee (preferably of both races) to go and see the editor and ask him to come around to the rules in the book. Can you help to get that done in your own community and, through your friends, elsewhere?

We have plenty more here, at fifteen cents apiece.

I send you also ten copies of our newest circular about our other pamphlets. We are most anxious to sell them and get them in use. May I ask also that you be good enough to write on each of the ten the address of somebody you think likely, seal the little leaflet with a one-cent stamp, and mail it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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October 7, 1949

Mr. C. C. Spaulding, President
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

Mr. Holsey was kind enough to send me a copy of his letter to you dated October 6.

True enough, Mr. Holsey and I talked most earnestly about the Council's needs, and he told me he was going to search around for ways to get us helped. But he did not tell me he was going to ask you. I see that he hasn't asked you for money, but for advice.

Nevertheless, I feel strongly that you and your Company have been generous indeed of time and money and thought to the Council's needs. I want you to know that I didn't know of Mr. Holsey's intention to write to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 7, 1949

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Newberry, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

In reply to your card received today Dr. Bulah Winston's dues are three dollars for November 1949 through October 1950. It is good that she is thinking about it, and I would that all our members were so prompt.

We sent you under separate cover today the twenty-five leaflets describing the self-survey. Let me know if you do not get them in due time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mrs. Marion Wilkinson
State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson:

This will acknowledge with warm appreciation your gift of fifty dollars to the South Carolina Division of the Council. This is an important contribution to a slender and always over-strained budget, and they and we are most grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 7, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Somebody sends me the New Leader, which ordinarily is not just to my liking. But here is a good and interesting article by Mrs. Luce.

I wrote my friend Horace Cayton about RACE IN THE NEWS and he put in his column about me instead of about the booklet. We are dickering with Charles Johnson for a way to get him to send this out to quite a mailing list with a request for funds for the Council. Dr. Johnson has agreed by 'phone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 8, 1949

Mr. Joe Parham
Editor, THE MACON NEWS
Macon, Ga.

Dear Mr. Parham,

Here is a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS, which you were kind enough to request.

They cost 15 cents each. If someone will send us that in stamps we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

10 October 1949

Miss Anne Alexander
Immanuel Baptist Church
El Dorado, Arkansas

Dear Miss Alexander:

In answer to your recent request, we are enclosing a complete list of our publications. We shall be glad to supply any which you find you would like to order.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

October 10, 1949

Mrs. Frances T. Cunningham
Box 203
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

I am afraid we have no material on the subject which you are to discuss at your book club. However, there is a most interesting and informative pamphlet available from the National Urban League, entitled Communist Influence Among Negroes--Fact or Illusion? A free copy can be had by writing the National Urban League, 1133 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

This booklet, I believe, sums up the matter nicely. As one might suppose, the facts reveal that the problem is largely one of illusion.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 10, 1949

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letters to Dr. Mitchell of October 6 have reached the office during his absence. We will hold them for his return at the end of the week. I know that he will be particularly interested in the enclosures about military personnel.

In the meantime, we are sending the five copies of RACE IN THE NEWS, under separate cover. A bill is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 10, 1949

Mr. Gideon W. Fryer
12 Fort Charles Place
New York 63, New York

Dear Mr. Fryer:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, which has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence. I am holding it for his return, so that he may write you about the questions raised in your last two paragraphs.

In the meantime, we are sending you one or two pamphlets describing the development and activities of the Southern Regional Council, with a list of other publications available.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

(Fleming, punch, list)

October 10, 1949
Dict. October 7

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I am not forgetting your good suggestions about Mrs. Mulcahy's manuscript 'way back in August, but I can't for the moment go into the problems of revision.

Apologies for the grave error in making only the one copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 10, 1949
Dict. October 7

Mr. Albon L. Holsey
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Holsey:

How very kind that was of you to write October 6! It is an enormous comfort and prospectively, I am sure, some real help to have your quick and earnest concern.

I will be interested to hear what you can work out with Mrs. Guzman and Mr. Campbell.

Could you perhaps write to Mr. Aiken?

On Mr. Spaulding we have leaned quite heavily in the last year. He and one or two others in the Company put up $250 rather recently, and the Company bought a thousand copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. He and Mr. Wheeler have been our chief advisers in money-raising work, particularly in North Carolina. I was a bit anxious that he not get the impression that we were asking you to urge him to renewed effort himself for us, and took the liberty of getting such a message to Mr. Spaulding. Still it is fine and kind of you to bring his mind to the problem yet again.

Mr. Fleming was only too glad to have the pleasant experience of working with you and the people at Gammon. Call on him or on the Council for any service we can do.

Next time you are in Atlanta, please come and see us. I profited greatly from the conversation with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 10, 1949

Mr. Louis E. Hosch
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hosch:

Your letter of October 7 has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence. I will hold it for his attention when he returns the first of next week. He will be in touch with you and Mr. Greenberg, I am sure, about serving as vice-chairman of the State Private agency meeting at the November conference.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

cc: Mr. Louis B. Greenberg

October 10, 1949

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
P. O. Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of October 7 to Dr. Mitchell, about the North Carolina meeting on October 18. He is away this week. I know that he will want to go to the meeting, but I am afraid it will not be possible, because of a speaking engagement in New Orleans.

Dr. Mitchell will be in touch with us here during the week, and I will check with him then on the possibility of rearranging his schedule. He and Mr. Byrd expect to visit Dr. Will the latter part of this week. It may be that you and he can discuss the matter then.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 10, 1949
Dict. October 7

Mrs. E. P. Mulcahy
1836 Naldo Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Mulcahy:

I have at last got typed--alas, by my own error, in only an original and one copy--your good manuscript on Dr. Mead's project.

I mail you the original herewith.

I am keeping the copy for such revising suggestions as I can get time to make in the next ten days or so.

Meanwhile, the Council is too circumscribed financially to make any commitments about a way to get it printed--whether greatly shortened in New South or in some other form. We have learned from editorial friends here of various journals which might be interested, as follows:

High School Journal, University of North Carolina
Elementary School Journal, University of Chicago
Childhood Education (published by the Childhood Education Association for early elementary school teachers)
Educational Leadership (published by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, a department of NEA)
School and Society (a weekly, good for only brief items)
Rural Editorial Service (a tie-in with the University of Chicago, distributes items to state education journals)

If you want to correspond with them, do so; if you prefer for us to, we will be glad to.

I need to find more time to think about its best use and, with a trip coming up to keep me out for a week, I can for the moment merely send on the manuscript. It is a painstaking piece of work, with much skill in description and in compressing.

I will write you at greater length as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

gsm/t
enclosure

(Dictated but not signed.)

cc: Mrs. Henry Havens

October 10, 1949

Mr. Spencer Murphy, Editor
The Salisbury Post
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Murphy:

We are delighted to have your letter of October 9. You are quite right that our facilities did not permit a paper-by-paper evaluation of the handling of racial news. We did recognize, however, that the viewpoint presented by RACE IN THE NEWS is not a new one in the South. In fact, it is a growing movement which was pioneered by just such papers as the Salisbury Post.

I do wish we had been familiar enough with the Post to cite its fine example. We shall certainly not overlook it in our future dealings with the subject.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

10 October 1949

Mrs. J. B. Nichols
Greenville, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

In reply to your recent request, we are enclosing the best available figures on the increase in industrialization in the South over the past decade.

Figures on union membership are estimates at best. The most reliable estimate we have gives the following figures on union membership as of 1949:

750,000	- C.I.O.
250,000	- Independent
2,000,000	- A.F. of L.
3,000,000	- Total

According to this estimate, union membership has just about doubled in the South in the last ten years. These figures include 13 Southern States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

A decade ago, only craft unions had secured much of a footing in the South -- with the exception of coal mining, and to a lesser degree, metal mining and smelting, which were organized by industrial unions. Today, industrial unions are strong in steel, aluminum, and automobile assembly and parts; they also have considerable organization in textiles, ship building and repair, stone and marble quarrying, cement, rubber, oil refining, chemicals, meat packing, leather, shoes, men's garments, cotton compresses, cotton seed oil, fertilizer, wood-working, furniture, paper, tobacco, and sugar refining. Organization among telephone workers has also increased greatly.

I hope that this is the information you need. If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

Encl.

October 10, 1949
Dict. October 8

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Company
1416 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

That was kind of you to get the order for fifty copies of Race in the News for Dr. Paul Wagner.

I got out the fifty to him today.

We have billed him. Is that right? (Amount is $7.50.)

This continues to be a mighty popular pamphlet. It is already changing things some in the papers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 10, 1949

Mr. Bob Senser
Assistant Editor
Work
Catholic Labor Alliance
3 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Senser:

We are most happy to send you a complimentary copy of RACE IN THE NEWS. It is already showing signs of great usefulness.

We are adding your name to our mailing list. Is an exchange arrangement convenient?

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosure

October 10, 1949

Dr. A. Stephen Stephan, Head
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

Your letter of October 3 arrived just as Dr. Mitchell was about to set off for a week's travel. He has asked me to answer it.

Your suggestion is a good one. We had hoped all along that this issue, when it is released, would receive wide newspaper notice. Mr. Ashmore should be eager to give special attention to your splendid report on Arkansas. We shall let you know the results of our correspondence with him.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

11 October 1949

Mr. Mitchell V. Charnley
2165 Carroll Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Prof. of Journalism
Univ. of Minnesota

Dear Mitch:

As I promised before I left, I am faithfully sending you a copy of Race in the News. Along with it are various other things we have done, which I thought would give you a sampling of what the Council does. These you do not have to read, however, unless you feel so inclined!

Incidentally, Nixon has bought Race in the News for use in his journalism classes at Emory. Most gratifying.

I enjoyed meeting both you and Jean so much while I was home -- we must have another such evening the next time.

My best to both of you.

Sincerely,

October 11, 1949

Rev. Mr. George E. Cleary
626 Maupas
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

If you can find time to give me the facts about the Mayor's Committee in Savannah (see my letter to you of September 19), I would be glad to have it quite straight.

Also, if you can tell me how you came out with Dr. Cleverdon, I would appreciate it.

We are still rejoicing in your great kindness in leaving the check for ten dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 11, 1949

Mr. Carl A. Jones, Jr., Publisher
Johnson City Press-Chronicle
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

Here is the latest New South, with the table on "Negro Policemen in Southern Cities", which Dr. Mitchell promised you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

enclosure

October 11, 1949

Rev. John Marion, Jr., Director
Committee on Christian Relations
Presbyterian Church in the United States
P. O. Box 5094
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Dr. Mitchell was sorry that he did not have an opportunity, before leaving for a week's travel, to write you about your good suggestions for interesting Presbyterian women in SRC publications.

Mrs. Tilly, who has been away much of the time in the last two weeks, is anxious to explore this matter with Miss Jenkins at the first opportunity. We have a new descriptive leaflet-order blank, copy enclosed, which might be useful in this connection.

Dr. Mitchell will be writing you of further developments, but, in the meantime, he wanted you to know how much we appreciate your continuing concern.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

enclosure

October 11, 1949

Mr. C. M. McConnell
Boston University School of Theology
72 Mount Vernon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. McConnell:

May I appeal for your kindness in arranging payment of the travel expenses for my trip last May, to the New England Conference?

Rec'd 10/12/49

We are in dire straits to meet an oncoming payroll, and that sum is material.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 11, 1949

Rev. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street, Room 202
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for writing that you would be willing to represent the Council at Mr. Moron's inauguration. Your letter has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence.

The enclosed invitation and program give full details of the occasion. Would you be good enough to have someone fill in the card showing which sessions you will attend and return it, in the envelope provided, to the Inauguration Committee?

The Council will expect to take care of any expenses involved. Please let us have a notation on this.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 11, 1949
Dict. October 7

Miss Lillian Smith
Laurel Falls Camp for Girls
Clayton, Georgia

Dear Lillian:

We appreciate your kind praise of the little pamphlet. It is popular already and, we think, is going to influence the southern press quite a lot.

I need to talk to you, so that we can understand each other on central issues of the Council's work.

You are kind to offer to try to get us some help; goodness knows we need it-desperately. But I do not push the Council for a stand. I am still mainly impressed with the importance of other things that need doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
(Dictated but not signed)

October 11, 1949

The Honorable John L. Sullivan
733 Southern Building
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Your invitation to the November 11 luncheon reached the office just as Dr. Mitchell was leaving for a week's travel. He asked me to express his regret that he will not be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 12, 1949

Mr. Claude Barnett
Associated Negro Press
3507 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

We noted with pleasure and appreciation that the Associated Negro Press recently sent out a story on the Council's financial need.

Please accept our warmest thanks for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 12, 1949

Mrs. William J. Dickey, Librarian
Lithonia High School
Lithonia, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dickey:

Enclosed is a copy of The Southern Frontier (now New South) for August, 1944, which contains the article, "What Can Be Done About Domestic Employment?" I am sorry to say that we have only one extra copy of this issue.

I might point out that because the article was written several years ago the recommended wage scale for domestic workers is in need of adjustment. If we get more recent estimates, we shall send them to you.

To the best of my knowledge we have no other free material which would be useful for your occupational file. I enclose a list of our publications, some of which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 12, 1949

Mr. Albon L. Holsey
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Holsey:

Many thanks for your kind letter, and thanks doubly for your concern about the Council. It is most encouraging to us to have friends who are as deeply interested in the organization as you are.

I am enclosing copies of a few of the responses to Race in the News. So far no bad ones. We are receiving requests for it from newsmen and laymen all over the map--including, for example, the Detroit Bureau of the United Press.

Also enclosed is a magnificent editorial from the Atlanta Daily World. I don't have to tell you how much that cheers us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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enclosures

October 12, 1949

Mr. C. A. Scott
Editor and General Manager
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have just seen the heartwarming editorial on the Council's needs in last Sunday's Daily World. I can hardly tell you how greatly we value it.

Dr. Mitchell is away from the office this week but on his return I know he will want to express his thanks and the thanks of the Council.

We have long admired the Daily World and appreciated its cooperation with us. This is an added reason for us to be glad it exists.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

cc: Mr. William A. Fowlkes

October 12, 1949

Mr. George Stoney
Southern Educational Film Production Service
Athens, Georgia

Dear George:

Here is an editorial from the Sun-Reporter, a Negro paper of San Francisco, which says exactly the right things about "Feeling All Right."

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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enclosure

October 12, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

We are extremely grateful to you for the very full "notes" on the past year in Kentucky. It is an excellent round-up of the facts and will serve our purpose nicely.

I know precisely how you feel about those irons in the fire. We are mighty glad that you were good enough to put this one in.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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White Copy

October 13, 1949

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

In conversation the other day with Mr. McCuistion I laid before him the immediate crisis in our Council's finances. The situation is so severe that I have had to give a month's notice to half our staff of eleven people -- effective October 20. If these notices must take effect we will be reduced to a skeleton basis, with hardly the power to write letters, stay in touch with our field forces, print our small journal, and put through our annual Board meeting and membership meeting in November, much less push our program.

We have raised this year for the Atlanta office of the Council $38,504.46 (details annexed).

Our expenses through October 10 have been $40,162.68 (details annexed), of which accounts payable are $1,658.22.

We have foreseeable ordinary expenses for the rest of the year amounting to $9,863.25 (details annexed), plus accounts payable $1,658.22, or a total of $11,521.47. Against this we can certainly count on additional income of $2,702.34.

Thus we face a shortfall of $8,819.13.

That is to be increased by the salary and travel of our money-raiser,

engaged late in September, and estimated to run to a total for the rest of the year of $3,400.

New Funds, Mainly Southern

We have bent every effort since last October toward raising money in the South. In November, Dr. Howard Odum, at the University of North Carolina, undertook to be one of a hundred Southerners giving $250.00 to the Council. We held meetings in North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina, and drew up a list of about 400 people who would be in a position to give that amount. Letters were written them by prominent people in each state, asking for such a gift, and some special campaigning was arranged. Thus far we have had seventeen such gifts, and smaller amounts in the same campaign from another half-dozen people. The givers include cotton manufacturers, bankers, brokers, a paper factory, insurance executives, merchants, and so on. We are still working hard to increase the number of givers, and expect that before the end of the year we will have at least twenty-five, and possibly a good many more.

We have negotiated at length with a large textile concern having southern mills for a gift of $10,000. We haven't been refused, and have had considerable encouragement.

We have approached a variety of foundations, corporations, and individuals in the North for gifts, thus far with success in two instances, yielding $3,000. Other such irons well in the fire!

Beginning late in 1948, and continuing until June 30 of this year, we besought our 2,300 member-households to give us special contributions, over and above dues, of ten dollars. About 15% of our member-households have responded with a total sum of $3,014, or an average of about $8.74 per contributor. This is remarkable testimony, we think, of the value which our everyday members put upon the Council's work.

After negotiations last May we engaged last September 19 Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, of Burnsville, North Carolina, to head our drive for funds. He is working at the moment to bring in many more of the $250 amounts, and is planning an effort for a half-million dollar fund for a ten-year program for interracial activity by the Council. We like his methods, and expect good results. He is employed by us on a monthly salary, plus expenses. Our arrangement is that he will work at it for several months, and if he finds that he is getting results, will continue longer. If the situation is not promising, the arrangement will be terminated.

We have raised this year, in the South, in round figures:

Ten-dollar campaign	$ 3,000
$250.00 campaign	4,650
Anonymous (Southern) Foundation	3,000
Gifts outside campaigns	1,400
Raised by State Divisions and affiliated interracial committees for their own use	8,000

This is a total of $20,050. If we added in dues and sale of literature (mainly in the South), the total would go up another $5,000, and we might be pardoned the addition also of the $4,000 raised by the Department of Interracial Cooperation, Virginia Council of Churches--not formally affiliated but closely linked.

PROGRAM

Through local and state committees, we still do the old job of the Interracial Commission on building friendly understanding, joint effort in matters helpful to either or both races, and in combating violence and injustice.

We push everywhere for health, housing, a sound farming economy, employment opportunities, and equal schools. Our pamphlets help in this, and New South each month brings some special need or chance to the fore. Some of our best work in these fields is done with the direct help of the press.

Self-surveys. We learned in a survey at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1946, the device of the carefully chosen, responsible, and large local committee whose members themselves do a survey of their town in housing, hospital facilities, employment, transportation, education, police administration, and so on. We have produced a manual for use in such self-surveys, have circularized community leaders in many towns about the idea, and have got such surveys going in Greenville, Rock Hill, Mobile, West Palm Beach, and Madison, Georgia. Other points which are considering such surveys are San Antonio, Orangeburg, Oak Ridge, and Ocala, Florida. We have limited support from a southern foundation for this project, which we will continue to push this year and next. We aim it for the smaller cities and towns. It has already had fine results, and promises much more.

Fair play in the papers. We quite lately got out Race in the News,

as a manual of correct usage in covering news arising from the Negro community. It has been sent by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association to all its members. Time and Newsweek have given it remarkable notice (issues of October 3, 1949), and it has been ordered in blocks of a thousand, five hundred, or a hundred, by Church bodies, a Negro Life Insurance Company, a Southern School of Journalism, fraternal lodge, a local Urban League, and others. We have given much effort to organizing a follow-up, through local one-time committees to visit editors, green booklet in hand, and ask for greater compliance with the simple rules in the pamphlet. Adequately carried through, such a follow-up, we believe, will change the press throughout the South to an influence for constructive understanding between white and Negro communities.

Church Women and justice. Last month the Council was principal sponsor, with the Council of Church Women and the National Board of the YWCA, for a meeting of 200 selected church women leaders from all over the South. They were of both races, and of practically all important denominations. In a two-day meeting they worked out a program to activate church women in every county on behalf of greater and more equal justice. Mrs. Roosevelt took part throughout one day, and addressed a large evening meeting. The women will visit courts, make their concern known to sheriffs and police officials, and take an active part as citizens in law enforcement in general. This program, if properly followed through, can immensely benefit order and fairness in the South. Our sum available for pushing it is $187.50.

Police. We are anxious to move ahead with a program we have long worked at from time to time, but haven't had the money to concentrate on. That's police training. I shan't here outline our hopes, but if we could finance it we would put in two or three years of work on strengthening public knowledge and pressure for adequate police training programs. We are already into that effort somewhat, by our long and successful work to get Negro policemen added to the forces in southern cities and towns, and a police training effort fits needfully into the work of the church women on law enforcement and equal justice.

CRISIS

In this crisis, with growing usefulness, growing need for what we do, a major fund-raising effort in hand, and no money to meet our next payroll, I make bold to appeal for a contribution from the General Education Board of $5,000 for our general program and/or for the conduct of our fund-raising campaign.

As Mr. McCuistion will explain, we have the prospect of adequate funds in the fairly near future, by legacy and/or by success in our campaign. This is an organization invaluable to the South and to America; it is worth, we deeply hope, some emergency assistance to tide it through the immediate crisis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

DETAILED FIGURES

Income for 1949, as of October 7, 1949

Julius Rosenwald Fund	$ 15,000
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500
Phelps-Stokes Fund	250
Ashby Jones Goodwill Fund	100
His Eminence, Cardinal Stritch	1,000
Catholic Missionary Union	1,500
Episcopal Church appropriations	125
Methodist Church appropriations	1,875
Anonymous New York donor	2,500
Campaign donations, 1949 only	7,250
Sale of literature	1,848.94
Dues (for use Atlanta office)	1,695.25
New South subscriptions	216.70
Sale of office machine	300
Lecture fees and royalties	139.92
Earned interest	75
Anonymous (southern) foundation	3,000
Reimbursement for Southwide meeting	628.65
TOTAL	38,504.46

Expenditures, through October 7, 1949 (includes accounts payable)

Salaries	25,059.22
Printing	3,968.64
Travel	3,271.47
Rent	1,400.00
Postage and express	1,186.92
Office supplies and expense	984.15
Telephone and telegraph	583.83
Advisory Committee, honoraria	430.00
Office equipment	200.00
Books and subscriptions	202.90
Audit	125.00
Press clippings	156.10
Miscellaneous	56.69
Insurance	41.44
Interest	20.00
Special services	50.00
Expenses of fund-raiser	269.60
Paid (in full) on 1948 bills	2,156.72
TOTAL	40,162.68

Of this, accounts payable (all current) are as follows:

Withholding tax	264.50
Printing	1,127.02
Travel	75.00
Postage and express	3.40
Office supplies and expense	65.71
Telephone and telegraph	104.19
Press clippings	18.40
TOTAL	$ 1,658.22

DETAILED FIGURES

(continued)

Additional 1949 income certainly to be counted upon

Balance due on personal pledges	680.00	
Presbyterian Church appropriation	25.00	
Methodist Church appropriation	325.00	
Dues	800.00	
Contributions	100.00	
Sale of literature	727.36	(based on 1948
New South subscriptions	45.00	experience)
TOTAL	2,702.36	

Foreseeable ordinary expenses for the rest of this year

Salaries	6,188.25
Travel	1,500.00
Telephone and telegraph	300.00
Rent	260.00
Supplies	200.00
Postage and express	200.00
Printing	300.00
Books and subscriptions	50.00
Press clippings	60.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Travel expense, Mr. Byrd (fund-raising)	780.00
TOTAL $	9,863.25

October 13, 1949

Miss Lucille Clements
P. O. Box 359
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Clements:

I am glad to send you information about the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed are two leaflets which give brief accounts of the Council's aims, methods, and accomplishments. Also enclosed is a copy of New South for October 1948 which includes the annual reports of the organization.

This material should give you general background. I should be glad to answer any specific questions about the Council's operations which might occur to you or to other members of your class.

A complete list of our publications is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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October 13, 1949

Mrs. Maenelle Dempsey, Consultant
Georgia Negro Elementary Schools
Box 242, Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dempsey:

Thank you for your letter about the Jeanes conference October 24-26. I am looking forward to being with you again, and will watch for the program.

We will arrange to have on hand, as we did last year, some Council publications that may be of interest to participants.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

October 13, 1949

Mr. Theodore Friedman
2268 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Ted:

The meeting last night of the Business and Professional Women's Club of the Atlanta YWCA was not quite what I expected it to be. This was only the second meeting of the year, and a good two-thirds of the people there were visitors or prospective new members. They consisted largely of quite young women just starting out as white-collar workers.

Since the group had so many unindoctrinated members and had not yet shaped its program for the year, I felt it unwise for me to go into the matter too specifically. When they have had a chance to get organized, I will get in touch with the president and find out what their program is and if we can help them improve it.

You should hear from Dr. Mitchell sometime next week about the proposed speaking engagement.

It was good to talk with you, however briefly, while you were here.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

P.S. Miss Melba Hendricks--recently married and presumably bearing another name now--was not at the meeting. HCF

hcf/t

October 13, 1949

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Associate Editor
Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

A note to bring you up to date on reactions to Race in the News. We are getting a good many requests for it from both newsmen and laymen. The Detroit Bureau of UP requested a copy. Emory School of Journalism, presumably through Mr. Nixon's good graces, bought a hundred copies. The Negro press has noticed it widely and warmly. Various Negro groups have ordered it in quantity: Georgia Teachers and Education Association, Tampa Urban League, AME Church, and others. It is being pushed by the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptists, the comparable agency of the Southern Presbyterians, Catholic Committee of the South, and Anti-Defamation League.

Enclosed are copies of a couple of the letters which might interest you particularly. We also got, without comment, a copy of the Negro news page from a Waco, Texas paper. No bad reactions yet.

My very best to you and Liz.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 13, 1949
AIR MAIL

Mr. C. M. McConnell
Boston University School of Theology
72 Mount Vernon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. McConnell:

We have received from Mr. MacArthur a check to cover the expense account that Dr. Mitchell wrote you about October 11.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office, but I was sure he would want you to have this information.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 13, 1949

Editor
Waco Tribune-Herald
Waco, Texas

Dear Sir:

We were delighted to receive a copy of the Tribune-Herald's Negro news page. It is good to learn that your paper is setting such a fine precedent in this field. We only wish that it had been possible for us in preparing RACE IN THE NEWS to do a survey thorough enough to take notice of those papers like the Tribune-Herald which are handling racial news with fairness and consideration.

Since you may not have received it, I enclose a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 13, 1949

Mr. Troy Williamson
Box 192, E.C.J.C.
Decatur, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Williamson:

We have no material dealing specifically with Negro scientists in the South. I enclose, however, a copy of America's Tenth Man, which summarizes outstanding Negro achievement in various fields, including science. For more detailed information, I should suggest that you consult standard library references, such as Who's Who Among American Negroes, The Negro Yearbook, and others. Also enclosed is a complete list of our publications, in case there are others you would like to order.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosures

October 14, 1949

Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman, Director
Department of Records and Research
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mrs. Guzman:

This is a note in anticipation.

Last year we failed to get a copy of Tuskegee Institute's annual report of lynchings. Since this year's record is a confusing one, we are especially eager to be on your mailing list.

With appreciation for your fine work in this field,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 14, 1949

Dr. Robert A. Lambert
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Dr. Lambert:

Dr. Mitchell is out of town at the moment so I will attempt to answer your inquiry about the Negro Year Book.

The Negro Year Book is published by the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. The most recent edition is for 1947, and reviews the events affecting Negro life from 1941 to 1946. We have not been able to learn the frequency of publication of this book or when the next edition will be issued, but the edition previous to that for 1947 was for 1937-38. I suggest you write Tuskegee for information.

The Negro Handbook, edited by Florence Murray is published every year and the 1949 edition has just been printed, but is not yet carried in the Atlanta bookstores. They suggest that you write directly to the publisher and your order should be filled within a week or ten days. The address is:

The Macmillan Company, Mail Service Department
60 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

I think the book reviews you mentioned having read were for the Negro Handbook, 1949. It is a manual of current facts, statistics and general information concerning the Negro in the United States.

I hope this answers your questions. Let us know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

October 14, 1949

Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger
Touro Synagogue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Leipziger:

We have just learned of the promising action taken in Louisville, moving toward the establishment of a police training institute for the South.

The enclosed clipping from the Louisville Courier-Journal tells the story.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosure

October 14, 1949

AIR MAIL

Rev. John Masterson
Saint Anthony's Priory
4640 Canal Street
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Father Masterson:

Your letter of October 10 has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence. In the same mail this morning was a letter from Mrs. Cohn announcing that the Teachers Institute scheduled for next week had been called off. This means that Dr. Mitchell will not be making the trip to New Orleans on October 18 and 19.

I know he will be sorry to have to postpone his visit to Dominican College. We will be in touch with you before his next trip to New Orleans, with the hope that a visit can be arranged at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

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STAFF:

The most recent address of Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald, an erstwhile N. C. Fellow, is:

2795 Vernon Terrace
Jacksonville, Florida

met

October 14, 1949

Publication Department
Russell Sage Foundation
130 East 22nd Street
New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

We have your 1946 directory of American Foundations for Social Welfare, and are wondering if a more recent edition is available. Would you let us know?

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

October 14, 1949

Mrs. Virginia Torrence, Secretary
Extension Teaching Bureau
Division of Extension
University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Mrs. Torrence:

We are happy to send you sample copies of our monthly bulletin, New South.

A good many University libraries are among our subscribers. The subscription price is $1.50 a year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 17, 1949

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Director
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth Street, NW
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I do hope that the few copies of RACE IN THE NEWS that I could scrape up served usefully, if insufficiently.

We will be hoping for an enormous order from the American Council on Human Rights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 17, 1949

Mrs. J. C. Trent
Bivins Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Trent:

I had occasion to be in Durham last Friday, and made a couple of telephone calls to your home. I had hoped that I could offer in person any further information you might wish about our Southern Regional Council, about which I wrote you on September 30.

As I failed to reach you, I thought I would not impose further. I do hope, however, that our request will be "alive" and have your kind consideration when that may be suitable.

Mr. C. C. Spaulding and Mr. J. H. Wheeler join me in hoping that the Council may have your assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mr. Thomas F. Byrd

October 17, 1949

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mr. Byrd and I are extremely grateful for your generosity in time and thought last Friday.

This is reminder of Mr. Steve Rollins' statement to us that he would welcome conversation with you about the needs of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 17, 1949

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

You may recall that at the June executive committee meeting you suggested that the Council get out some attractive promotion material to further sale of our pamphlets.

The enclosed leaflet is the result of that suggestion. I hope it does justice to the idea, which was an excellent one.

Warmest regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

October 17, 1949

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Mr. Byrd and I saw Dr. Alexander on last Friday. He had not been successful in such efforts as he had made in New York, but is going back there this week and expects to be in Chicago shortly, and will continue to be effortful.

He got out his address book and gave us the addresses of two of the Rosenwald daughters. All of the daughters have been besought for aid from various organizations long carried by the Rosenwald Fund. I showed some pride that we had not so besought them, but Dr. Alexander seemed to feel that we would not be in bad company and that the trial would be worth it.

His suggestion: that you send a letter recounting fairly briefly the Council's influence and mentioning particularly the work on improving the press through RACE IN THE NEWS. Two letters should go: one to Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald, Alverthorpe Gallery, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, and the other to Mrs. David Leavy, 300 Park Avenue, New York. Slightly different letters, but quite all right to send letters to both.

Now, further, Mr. and Mrs. Leavy, I am informed, would be quite exceptionally influenced by word from Mrs. Roosevelt that she felt an interest in the Southern Regional Council. Can you arrange such a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt to Mrs. Leavy? Mrs. Roosevelt's address is: Apartment 15-A, 29 Washington Square, West, New York 11.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Mr. Byrd

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Associated Negro Press
3507 South Parkway
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I am back from a week's trip to find the beautiful story from Gordon Hancock and the other fine one about our need for money. It is rare indeed for an organization to receive that kind of generous support, and I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Harold Fleming

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Edward F. Burrows
Box 144
Guilford College
North Carolina

Dear Ed:

Well, we accept, and chug the fifty dollars back in our lean treasury. That is mighty kind of you. But I clearly recall asking you for fully that much worth of service, and our files feel a lot more than fifty dollars better than they did before you went through them.

I am to be in Raleigh for a talk to priests and religieuses for Bishop Waters on Thanksgiving day, November 24, and for some part of the next day (Friday). I could quite easily be at Guilford for Friday night and Saturday morning, the 25th and 26th of November. But it occurs to me that you are very probably not going to keep school on that Thanksgiving weekend. What say?

Failing that, I don't know when it could be. I am tied up November 4 and December 9.

With the Raleigh trip coming up anyway, a whole $25 would be manna to the Southern Regional Council.

RACE IN THE NEWS is going a good job already.

We all miss you and wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Felton G. Clark, President
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you a great deal for your letter of October 12. I knew you were still active on our behalf, but my eye had caught the date of October 1, and I thought I would duly remind you.

It is a pleasure to send you a dozen copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. I am sure you will get the very best use made of them. Could you not stimulate this or that organization in Louisiana to buy quite a block of the pamphlet, for just such use as you plan to make of it? The best way to get follow-up would be to get two or three local citizens drawn from both races to call on an editor, little green book in hand. Now that could be done by a great many churches, or by lodges, or by the NAACP, or by Negro business groups.

We have sold it already in good big blocks for such use. A thousand to North Carolina Mutual. Five hundred to the North Georgia Negro Baptists. Five hundred to the AME bishop for this area. A hundred to a Knights of Pythias group. Besides which they have been generously sent out to white church papers: Presbyterian and Baptist and Methodist.

Scratch around a little, if you can, and see if you turn up somebody with a treasury who could get 75 or 575 really into locality effectiveness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

That's quite all right about the October 19 meeting. I am sorry not to get to your nice city, but sometime later I can. We have written Father Masterson and that is all right.

We are sending you right away 125 copies of RACE IN THE NEWS, and shall be grateful for the Committee's check when you can send it. I put in with the bundle about our last 25 copies of WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT? I do hope you will get them well into use.

I am to be at the meeting in Chicago and I am delighted that you are going to be there too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Fred de Eady
Box 9
Pineland, South Carolina

Dear Mr. de Eady:

I am glad you like RACE IN THE NEWS. It is popular and, I think, is going to help things a lot.

Here is a copy of it. We have to charge fifteen cents for them, so I hope you can send that much back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. McKoy

October 18, 1949

Mr. Walter Everett
Public Relations Department
Lever Brothers Company
Lever House
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Everett:

We are happy to send you the three copies of "Race in the News" requested in your letter of October 14.

Also enclosed as of possible interest is a leaflet describing a few of our other publications.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

(bill enclosed--met)

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Theodore Freedman
226 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Ted:

Fleming got through to me a message about people wanting speeches made in Portsmouth and/or in Raleigh November 22 and 23.

It so happens I am to be in Raleigh on November 24 and the morning of November 25. I could be in Portsmouth on the 23rd or in Raleigh on the 23rd. What do you want done?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Gideon W. Fryer
12 Fort Charles Place
New York 63, New York

Dear Mr. Fryer:

I would like to help you, but with a desk piled high and a nearly empty treasury and a stenographer whose busy fingers are all but blistered, I don't think I can do much more than send you various pamphlets.

A show like this is pretty apt to state in its printments just about everything it does. So if you will go carefully through the bundle, I think you will dig out more than enough to have the story.

Meanwhile, I can give you a good friend of mine in New York City to go and see who knows us intimately and can tell you all about us. He is Harry Wright, 2171 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5-E, New York.

Maybe we could get you to join the Southern Regional Council. Membership blank on that brown map one they sent you t'other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Miss Caroline Gillespie
R. F. D. 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline:

Hey, you are a good egg just generally but a particularly fine one to send us $25. Very many thanks.

RACE IN THE NEWS has done a good job and is going great guns still.

The annual meeting comes here in Atlanta November 9. We do hope you can be present. I am particularly anxious for your news of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949

Mr. William H. Gremley
Department of Public Information
Commission on Human Relations
54 West Hubbard Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Gremley:

We are happy to send you three copies of our new pamphlet, "Race in the News." We have high hopes for its effectiveness. The reception so far has been encouraging indeed.

It was kind of you to send us a copy of "Your Civil Rights." It is the most useful thing of its kind I have seen. Let us hope that the municipal agencies comparable to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations will be quick to follow suit.

Incidentally, I have read with interest and admiration the accounts of the Commission's work during the recent Fernwood disorders.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 18, 1949

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

You may recall that at the June meeting of the Executive Committee you suggested that the Council devote more effort to promoting the sale of our publications in stock. The enclosed leaflets are the result of your suggestion. I hope you will think them usefully done.

May I add my thanks to those of Dr. Mitchell for your fine column on the Southern Regional Council which appeared in the press last week.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosures

October 18, 1949

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

That was a grand column and we all greatly appreciated it. I think if we can weather the next few weeks we will live a long time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Louis E. Hosch
N A I R O
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Sure, I will be the vice-chairman. I am only sorry that I couldn't be some help to you and be the chairman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Louis E. Hosch
Executive Secretary
N A I R O
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

I am sorry I can't be at that Board meeting November 2 at 5:30 p.m. I have everything arranged to be in Chicago the next morning, but I have to be in Atlanta the night before. Mighty sorry.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 17, 1949

Mr. Wesley Johnson
Office of the Secretary
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Here are two copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. I believe you were going to be kind enough to see if you could interest the Masons in it. We sell them for fifteen cents apiece.

They have been enormously in demand. It is a real chance to change newspaper treatment substantially and in a short time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Professor of Human Relations
P. O. Box 51
University of Miami
Miami (University Branch), Florida

Dear Gordon:

Here are your ten copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. I am assuming you have some way of paying us the $1.50 involved.

My only device for getting it out to newspaper people themselves was through the kind assistance of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, which mailed out 425 copies to its members. As the Publishers Association then followed it the next week by a reprint of the Time story, I would suppose that it got around to the newspaper offices.

What I am in hopes you can do is to arrange with some of your friends for a small committee drawn from both races to wait on the proper official of each paper and urge conformity with the rules laid down in the little green book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Roy I. MacArthur
Valley View Road
Weston 93, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. MacArthur:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending on the check for $145.23. It was a great help to us.

I enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to be with your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I greatly appreciate your letter of October 12. I have had a good many letters from dignitaries who said the usual "I look forward to reading the pamphlet". You were kind enough to say you had read it with care and interest. Furthermore, I can see that you have inquired about your three cities extensively. To so good a user, here is a reward of five extra copies.

I am glad you are to be at Talladega with Mr. Beittel. The Alabama Division needs strengthening in many ways. It needs more members, but mainly it needs more program and more action.

A search of our records indicates that you are the lone SRC member in the Tri-Cities. So the field is open for your efforts!

The next meeting of the membership is the annual meeting that comes up November 9. I assume that the nominations committee will then place your name before the membership for election to the Board. We are most anxious to have you thus ceremoniously, and delighted that we have had straight along your friendly interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. C. M. McConnell
Boston University School of Theology
72 Mount Vernon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. McConnell:

My letter to you of October 11 must have crossed in the mail with Mr. MacArthur's kind dispatch from Weston October 7 of a check for $145.23 for expenses for the Worcester trip.

It was a great help to us and I am appreciative of his and your getting it all straight for us. I have written Mr. MacArthur.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949

The Methodist Publishing House
Fifth and Grace Streets
Richmond 16, Virginia

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to your special order dated October 3, 1949, for one copy of our publication, Singers in the Dawn, to be sent to Miss Carlene Hanel, 623 Euclid Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Pamphlet will be sent to Miss Hanel, but we wish to announce on this occasion a change in our billing policy.

I need not point out how very uneconomic it is to charge and bill for ten cent items; clearly, the clerical cost of such billing is in excess of the value of the pamphlet itself. We are therefore ruling that all orders of less than one dollar must henceforth be accompanied by cash, stamps, check, or money order. We do this the more readily since it seems unlikely that it could work a hardship at any point, but if we are incorrect in this assumption, may we not hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 18, 1949

Mr. J. E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Dr. Mitchell, who is out of the city, has asked me to answer your kind letter.

We were happy to get the clipping from the Alabama Journal which tells the story of Mr. Emmanuel Brown, and we value your appreciative comment about "Race in the News." Enclosed is an illustrated leaflet which describes our major publications, as well as a complete publications list. I hope some of them will appear useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t
enclosure

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. C. A. Scott
Editor and General Manager
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

May I add my truly warm appreciation to Mr. Fleming's for the fine editorial in last Sunday's Daily World.

You run one of these shows for years under this and that difficulty. It is good to know that one has stout friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949
Dict. October 17

Miss Mary-Alice Thomas
Personnel Bureau
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thomas:

How very kind of you to help us out with the self-survey manual and RACE IN THE NEWS.

I have made careful note that you are the one to whom good eggs should be steered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949

Mr. Joseph Triedman
Haverhill High School
Haverhill, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Triedman:

Here is a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS. We are a poor "low-budget" organization and would appreciate the fifteen cents back if you can send it.

It is popular, and is doing a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 18, 1949

Dear Coleman:

That was just mighty nice of you to write. I have remembered many a time those paneled walls of yours, and even the funny little princeling from somewhere whose manager came down to your rooms and said his royal highness required to be invited to play bridge!

Here is a copy of the pamphlet. It is getting about, and will influence things quite a lot. You will see that we considered Winston-Salem a banner city. The pamphlet was written by Calvin Kytle, who taught journalism last year at Emory and is now assistant editor of an interesting county weekly in north Georgia at Calhoun. The writing has a good touch -- full of hard fact but all persuasively put. It is interesting that we have thus far had no single complaint on any point.

I am occasionally in Winston-Salem and shall look forward to finding you when next I get there. Meanwhile, if you come to Atlanta, I am in the 'phone book and would be delighted to have an opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Coleman C. Walker
Box 3099
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Harry Ainsworth
School of Journalism
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

Calvin Kytle sent us on your letter to him of October 8.

Here are a couple of copies of his good pamphlet. Bill is thirty cents total. We thought maybe you would keep one for yourself and make a fifteen-cent investment in the Journalism library.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. McKoy

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Charles H. Brown
Assistant Professor of Journalism
Pennsylvania State College
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Brown:

Calvin Kytle sent us on your letter to him of October 5.

We take pleasure in sending you two copies of Calvin's good pamphlet. They cost fifteen cents apiece -- total bill, thirty cents.

Anything you can do to help us get it still more widely circulated we would be grateful for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter
National Trade and Professional School
for Women and Girls, Inc.
Lincoln Heights
Washington 19, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of October 12. Here are four copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. They cost fifteen cents apiece, and our Council would be grateful for your sending us sixty cents.

It is a most successcul publication, already doing a lot of good. We are delighted that you will make such accurate use of it.

Would you perhaps wish to join the Council? We would be most happy to have you. There is a blank in the brown leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

That was as kind of you as could be to write us such a nice letter about RACE IN THE NEWS.

It is moving very well and, much to our satisfaction, in big blocks. Various church groups and even a life insurance company or two have bought it, five hundred or a thousand at a time.

I feel real grounds for hope that a great many southern editors will read it in something of your own spirit. If that occurs, we may count on striking improvement in the whole southern press within a year or so--on just the things the pamphlet talks about. It is the pamphlet's good fortune to come along at about the right time to swell and shape a movement already under way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Mr. Frederick Clayton
Instructor in Journalism
Rhode Island State College
Kingston, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Clayton:

Calvin Kytle sent me on your good letter to him of October 11. The pamphlet is proving very popular and, we think, will importantly influence the whole southern press.

The price is fifteen cents a copy. In the hope that that won't seem exorbitant, I send you ten copies, for which you or the Department are hereby billed at $1.50. Any help you can give us toward getting a wider use we will be grateful for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mrs. Pearl Clark Clow
116 N. E. Schuyler
Portland 12, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Clow:

Here is a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS, which you wrote for the other day.

We have to charge fifteen cents apiece for them. Do you think you could find that much -- stamps if need be?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Dr. Miles W. Connor
Coppin Teachers College
Mount Street Near Riggs Avenue
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Dr. Connor:

The Council is indeed grateful to you for your gift of ten dollars received recently through Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk. Such gifts are always appreciated, but yours is more than ever meanful at this time.

I'm enclosing a small leaflet which tells about the Council and the activities for which your ten and other gifts like it will be used.

Our very warm thanks to you and to our good friend, Dr. Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

cc: Dr. Charles Johnson

October 19, 1949

President L. S. Cozart
Barber-Scotia College
Concord, North Carolina

Dear President Cozart:

The Council is indeed grateful to you for your gift of ten dollars received recently through Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk. Such gifts are always appreciated, but yours is more than ever meanful at this time.

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

cc: Dr. Charles Johnson

October 19, 1949

Dr. Ulysses Grant Dailey
346 East 48th Street
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Dr. Dailey:

How very kind of you that was to send us your check for ten dollars, and how needed here it would be difficult to tell you. We are especially grateful and you may be very sure that your ten will help.

Glad you liked Race in the News. It has had considerable attention in Time and Newsweek, both have given it remarkable notice (issues of October 3, 1949), and has been ordered in blocks of one hundred to one thousand by church bodies, a southern school of journalism, a Negro life insurance company, a local Urban League, and others.

We have given much effort to organizing a follow-up through local one-time committees to visit editors, green booklet in hand, and ask for greater compliance with simple rules in the pamphlet.

Again our thanks to you for your generous help.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 19, 1949

Mr. Alexander Fitz Hugh
P.P. Williams Company
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Fitz Hugh:

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: Dr. Charles Johnson

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Dr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

How very interesting to see your good letter to Virginius and his good reply! Here they are back.

I am looking for the fur to fly in the Commonwealth when you get your engine into action on RACE IN THE NEWS.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Show to Mr. Ford

October 19, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Office of the President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

How very good of you, with all the things I know are pressing you, to take the time out to assemble all these fine checks for the Council. We are indeed grateful to you and to the donors whose checks you enclosed.

We have written each one as you will see by the copies attached enclosing one of our leaflets about the Council. Only President Moreland of Randolph-Macon is already a member, but I hope the others will want to join us.

Again our thanks to you.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

Enclosures

October 19, 1949

Miss Helen Keeble
Virginia State Library
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Helen:

I repent my hard price of fifteen cents for my little green book. Here is one for free for your fine library.

Spray my tender regards all about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mr. Calvin Kytle
The Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

Thanks a lot for the fan mail. We are duly answering and sending out pamphlets and so on.

It really is a honey of a pamphlet, quite the most popular thing we have done. And everybody tells me it is well written. We had a letter from Hodding Carter today saying it had caused him to review all the policies of his own paper.

We all miss you both in these parts. I will be coming up through Calhoun sometime in November and will hunt you up.

Meanwhile, send us on anything else that needs to come.

We are extremely grateful to you for the grand job you turned out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mr. Ward N. Madison, Secretary
The American University at Cairo
Land Title Building
Philadelphia 10, Pennsylvania

Dear Ward:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 11.

I was very much interested in the leaflet about the American University at Cairo.

Here is our newest one. Maybe you can help us get it talked about and better used. It is already influencing the press in the South quite a good deal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

We were delighted that this fine story appeared in the New York Times for October 17.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Last year in the annual meeting the Council undertook to examine the question of law and mores and get something into print about it. It has been a difficult assignment and we are none of us praising much what we did get finally into the current September issue of New South. But perhaps it will do something to strengthen people's understanding of the worth of law in combatting discrimination.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Mr. Theodore J. McGee
Association of Christians and Jews
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGee:

The Council is indeed grateful to you for your gift of ten dollars received recently through Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk. Such gifts are always appreciated, but yours is more than ever meanful at this time.

I'm enclosing a small leaflet which tells about the Council and the activities for which your ten and other gifts like it will be used.

Our very warm thanks to you and to our good friend, Dr. Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

cc: Dr. Charles Johnson

October 19, 1949

President J. Earl Moreland
Randolph-Macon College
Ashland, Virginia

Dear President Moreland:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for the two and a half which you sent recently through Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk.

Since this check came through Dr. Johnson, we are entering it as a gift to the Council rather than applying it to dues for 1949. If you do prefer that we do apply it to dues, won't you let us hear from you?

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

cc: Dr. Charles Johnson

October 19, 1949

Miss Ann Price
Secretary to Harold A. Lett
State Department of Education
Division Against Discrimination
1060 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Miss Price:

We are so glad to send you a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS, which Horace Cayton was kind enough to praise.

It costs a whole fifteen cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 19, 1949

Miss Florence Read
Office of the President
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Read:

Probably by now you have received your copy, sent to all members of our latest pamphlet, "Race in the News", which was prepared by Calvin Kytle. If you have not received it, please let us know and we will see that you get one immediately.

You are indeed one of our valued members. You asked about your dues payments, - I find that you now owe dues of three dollars to cover the period May 11, 1949 through May 1950.

With all good wishes

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Miss Betty L. Screws
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Screws:

Thanks a lot for the letter of October 10.

I will be on your campus and at your disposal Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, the 13th, 14th, and 15th of November. I can do the seminar you speak of. On Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th, I will be profitably replaced by Miss Elizabeth Taylor. She can do the Wednesday seminar and whatever else might be needful.

I look forward, and Miss Taylor looks forward, to the opportunity for the Council to take part in the Week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Dr. Hallie Farmer

October 19, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. K. C. Smith
203 East Duval Street
Live Oak, Florida

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Paul Maris has referred your communication to us at the Southern Regional Council office.

We called a connection we have in Florida and from him went a call to the Judge of the County Court of Suwannee County. We suppose, though, that the tension has abated as the days have passed and nothing has happened.

We would appreciate a full story of the incident.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

Bvd

October 19, 1949

Mrs. B. R. Stout, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Holston Conference, Methodist Church
1811 Riverside Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stout:

For the twenty-five dollars of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Holston Conference our very warm thanks. Always much appreciated, this gift means more than ever to us at this time.

We should like in token of our appreciation to send New South to such officers of your Society as you think should be the ones to receive it. I note that Mrs. C.P. Hardin, Mrs. W.S. DeBusk, and Mrs. C.D. Mehaffey were entered to receive New South following the gift of your Society in May 1947. Won't you tell us whether these persons should continue to receive New South or whether you have new officers in some instances to whom instead it should be sent?

Again our grateful thanks to your Society.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

P.S. Mrs. Tilly sends you her very warm regards.

October 19, 1949

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Roy Crowell was employed by this office for four months in 1949. His work included sealing, stamping, and posting outgoing mail, mainly with a Pitney-Bowes mailer; negotiations with the post office of postage rates for various categories of bulk mail; the weighing and correct stamping of parcel post items for a wide area; neat and successful operation of an ancient and bulky mimeograph machine; occasional typing (quite neatly done), and a variety of clerical jobs.

He did all of these things better than anyone else we have had on the job, and we have had some pretty good people. He straightened up our stock room masterfully and kept it straight. He organized and accurately inventoried our wide variety of pamphlets. Meanwhile, he stayed of pleasant temper and courteous ways.

I unhesitatingly recommend him as a young man of unusual ability, energy, and initiative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. McKoy

October 19, 1949
Dict. October 17

Miss Agnes L. Walker
Blue Ridge Sanatorium
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Walker:

Calvin Kytle sent us on your kind letter to him of October 10.

We take pleasure in sending a copy of Calvin's good pamphlet to you. They cost fifteen cents. We would be grateful for that amount, in stamps if you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Grad

October 19, 1949

Mr. Kendall Weisiger
308 Palmer Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weisiger:

We are doubly grateful to you and to the Ashby Jones Goodwill Fund for the seventy-five dollar check which you so generously sent us. I think you know already what it means to us, but we want to assure you of our warm appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

October 20, 1949

Miss Faith Brewer
State Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Brewer:

At the specific request of Senator Estes Kefauver we take pleasure in sending you two copies of the September, 1949 issue of New South.

This contains an article on Law and Discrimination, which was noticed in the New York Times of October 17, 1949.

Very truly yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

October 20, 1949

Mr. Sterling Grundfest
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grundfest:

I had the pleasure the other day of being in conversation with my long-time friend, the Honorable Brooks Hays. I run this Southern Regional Council, which Brooks has long been a member of and has liked.

Our Council is in a mighty bad way financially. Our method of getting out of the hole is to take up a kind offer from Dr. Howard W. Odum of the Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina. He said he would give us $250 if we could find 99 other southern people who would give the same amount. That would carry us through this year and give us quite a leg into the next.

So far we have found eighteen such contributors. They include Spencer Love, Reuben Robertson, James L. Coker, Donald Comer, G. D. Rogers, myself, C. C. Spaulding, and so on.

I don't know how much you want to hear about the Council. Here is a leaflet that gives a good deal and, of course, I could go on into endless description.

We have worked on matters of race in the South in a constructive and sensible spirit and we are considered to have been doing a useful and effective job. For many years past a half of our support has come from one or two northern foundations. They have told us lately, quite understandably, that unless we find more money in the South, northern foundation money isn't

to be had. And in any case, the Rosenwald Fund, which was our main dependence, is gone.

Mr. Hays said he thought that you would understand what we were about and would be willing to join the group of people who are giving us the $250.

I will be happy to send you any sort of information you may want about the Council, though I think Brooks' warm endorsement of us will convey more than lengthy letters.

Do help us if you can, and we would be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Hon. Brooks Hays
Mr. Thomas F. Byrd

October 20, 1949

Mr. Benjamin Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

We had a note today from Alfred Mynders, in Chattanooga, saying Senator Kefauver had asked him to send on to an official of the State Department the September New South, with the article about Law and Discrimination.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 20th, 1949

Miss Adele J. Minahan, Treas.,
S. C. Division, S.R.C.,
1930 College Street
Columbia 5, S.C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

Here is our July-August-September report, with covering check attached. I am also sending a second check for $75.00, representing a gift of $50.00 to the South Carolina Division from Mrs. Marion R. Wilkinson (sent here), and $25.00 representing one-half the gift of $50.00 from Mr. C. W. Coker. We are very appreciative of the other one-half which you so generously divided with us.

You will enjoy Mr. Abrams, I know. He is a very fine speaker and a most interesting one. I am most sorry not to be with you for your meeting. Our regional meeting comes on the 9th, -- do you think you might be able to make it ? Do try.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

MCK/hs

October 20, 1949

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Thank you very much for sending on the request from Senator Kefauver. We have sent two copies to Miss Brewer, as suggested.

That was a fine story, which made us all feel proud!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

White copy.

October 20th, 1949

Mr. John Q. Schisler, Ex. Sec'y,
Division of the Local Church
Board of Education, Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Schisler:

There has never been a gift of $200, or of any other sum, which was more timely, or more gratefully received than that of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church enclosed in your letter of October 18th, and received this morning.

Please accept and convey to the Board our warmest thanks for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Our indebtedness to you personally is a recurrent one and we want to make our acknowledgements to you too at this time.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 20, 1949

Mr. Dwight H. Wilson
846 Middle Street
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We were interested to have your letter of October 17, and are glad Hodding Carter put you in touch with us.

You have addressed yourself to some fundamental aspects of morality in these our southern states and there isn't much in print about those things. I send you this and that which our Council has done and some of it may give you some leads.

On the fiction side, a convenient summary has been done by Miss Anna Greene Smith, called Fifty Years of Southern Writing. We are sending a copy of the Southern Packet which tells about it.

If you have never happened to read an 1857 book called The Impending Crisis at the South, by Hinton Rowan Helper, that is about the best starting point. It was worth one's social standing in the South for sixty years even to know the thing had been printed, so it must have had something good in it.

W. J. Cash, The Mind of the South, is one of the great books. Howard Odum and Rupert Vance are the great authorities. Try Vance's Human Geography of the South. Lillian Smith has a brand new book called Killers of the Dream which I don't happen to agree with very much, but which is certainly emphatic.

If you will write us from time to time, we will do a sort of "correspondence course" with you and suggest new things to read. Meanwhile, if you get to Atlanta, please come and see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Send him: Wanted, Educated South
By the People
Dec. '46 New South (mark article on "The Negro Veteran in the South)
Jan. '47 New South "Vocational Schools for Veterans" (marked article)
Honest Answer
Recommendation for Action to Southern Governors
Changing South in Print (yellow pamphlet)
Race in the News

October 21, 1949

Miss Dora Byron
436 East Orange
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Miss Byron:

When we lose our nice Miss Elizabeth we will need strictly a stenographer, to pick up what she can pick up of Miss Elizabeth's job. You I read as someone who would be most useful in a professional capacity with the Council. We are in a bad way for money and, indeed, only yesterday reduced our staff by five persons, which is slaughtering.

Sorry, I am afraid I can't be hopeful at all about the Council picking you up. Still I am glad you are coming back to Atlanta, and hope to find ways to further our acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21st, 1949

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
Executive Secretary
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Here is our report, with covering check, for July and August, 1949. September and October will be sent together shortly, I hope, after the close of October.

Thanks for the list of new members, as well as of those who have moved away from New Orleans. Perhaps we can trace the latter and get their new addresses.

Did the new members pay their dues in to you there ? If so, I would appreciate your sending it on to us since, under our system, there is no way, except by some special dispensation, that we can enter them without the dues.

I note that Dr. Harold N. Lee is Treasurer of the NOCORR. Should I in future send such reports and checks as the attached to him ?

It is our practice here to provide a card membership file to Chairman, Treasurer, and/or Secretary of our divisions. We keep it current by sending additional cards as new members join. Please let me know if you and other officers would like such a file

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21, 1949

Mr. D. R. Cumming, Jr.
51 Little Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cumming:

I am afraid I can't help you much.

True, the Council has great boxes of clippings lying about, but they are ill-sorted, and such classifying as has been done would hardly lend itself to their being pulled out in a lump as "administration of Ellis Arnall".

Truly if you are going to find out what happened you are going to have to spend a lot of time in Georgia. There are plenty of people here in Atlanta who could tell you the right people to talk with to get the story. You will hardly find the story in the papers. Even the Constitution or the Journal would give you only the outside facts.

If you can arrange to spend some weeks or months hereabouts, I am sure I can open rich materials to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21, 1949

Mrs. Ethel B. Dawson
P. O. Box 912
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Dawson:

Mr. John Ewbank wrote us about your letter to him.

I send you several copies of the most recent New South. It describes the Southwide meeting of church women held last month. In that connection, I enclose also a couple of the blanks which we are circulating at the instance of the church women. You will see that they are after just exactly the things you wrote Mr. Ewbank about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mr. John R. Ewbank

Thanks a lot for telling us about Mrs. Dawson. We will put her down to be considered as a Fellow.
GSM

October 21, 1949

Dear Doris Dennison:

Now you are no longer a "Methodist lady" but a comforting Tennessean in the wilds of Stockholm, a determined appearer at HSB headquarters. So I am hoping especially that you can make our November 9 meeting.

It would be good to see you again. I have a yen to know what has come of the copious notes and the products of the two cameras.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Tayler

October 21, 1949

Miss Doris Dennison
Department of Christian Education of Adults
Methodist General Board of Education
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss Dennison:

You may perhaps remember writing us December 10, 1948, with inquiry about plans for the 1949 meeting of SRC.

I wrote you December 15 and told you the annual meeting would be November 9, 1949, and said I greatly hoped that people from your Board and Staff could come.

That is still the right date -- now getting much nearer. The annual membership meeting will be all day the 9th, in the Exhibition Room of the Library of Atlanta University, beginning at 9:30 in the morning.

We will greatly hope that you or some of your associates can be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21, '49

Mrs. Ralph E. Dunn
6233 Northwood Street
St. Louis 12, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Dunn,

The green pamphlet that comes with this is a real chance to get an action program across in many localities, and accomplish a great deal of good with a minimum of contention.

We have had it in print only three weeks or so, but you will see that it has had remarkable notice. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Assn. has sent it to each of the member papers, and have followed the pamphlet with a reprint of the Time article. So it is in the hands of the papers.

Now the next thing is to get it into the hands of interested newspaper readers in towns and cities right across the South. And not just into their hands, but into their ideas of doing something, so that with a small one-time group they will call on the local editor, and ask him to come around as best he can to following the rules in the little green book. That works like a charm, offends nobody, and produces visible improvement almost at once. Also, it reflects credit upon the group that pushed through the little meeting with the editor.

Won't you please think seriously about how the Societies in your part of the South can take part in this? If you and they will take hold, it will greatly improve the attitude of the Press all through your area. The papers are already doing better; this booklet merely gives the rules, and swells and shapes a movement that is going on anyway.

We have to sell them, at 15 cents each. I do hope you can find a way to get a good budle into action-circulation.

Our Council enjoys support from many Methodist Church organizations, including your own, as you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 21, 1949

Mr. Cluiss W. Floyd
328 West 90th Place
Chicago 20, Illinois

Dear Mr. Floyd:

Dr. George S. Mitchell has asked me to acknowledge your letter of October 5 which Time has just forwarded to us.

We are impressed by your thought of launching a newspaper supplement on Negro life. That, as you say, could do much to lead white persons to think of Negroes as individuals.

I am sure you have recognized that one of the problems will be persuading white Southern newspapers to use the supplement. Some of them, at any rate, should respond to the proper approach.

Let us know if we can be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

October 21, 1949
Dict. October 19

Mr. W. L. Greene
115½ Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

I greatly enjoyed our conversation yesterday. I do hope it will be possible for you to work out some arrangement whereby the Association or some other source can lay in 500 or so copies of RACE IN THE NEWS to be got out to principals and others widely scattered over the state.

We will be anxious to help you in any way.

Meanwhile, I send you five copies, as of possible assistance to you in persuading others.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21, 1949

Inauguration Committee
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

You were so very kind as to request the Southern Regional Council to be represented at Mr. Moron's inauguration.

It has taken a bit of arranging, but you will by this time have been notified informally (and by this letter formally) of our selection of the Reverend Mr. T. V. Morrison as the representative of the Southern Regional Council for the occasion.

I trust I do not ask too great a favor in requesting that the Committee be in touch directly with Mr. Morrison as to his participation.

We are honored that the Council can be represented in the inauguration of one of its Fellows as President of Hampton.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21st, 1949

Dr. Elsie M. Lewis
Tennessee State A & I State College
Box 112
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Lewis:

We should be very happy to welcome you as a member of the Southern Regional Council, and are enclosing for your information a leaflet describing our aims and activities.

Membership, as you see, is $3 per year for a single member, $4 joint membership for husband and wife. If you should decide to join us you would not need to subscribe to New South, since you would receive it as part of your membership.

I am therefore returning your check for $1 in the hope that you will want to become a member instead. Won't you let us hear from you ?

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21st, 1949

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, Treasurer
Mississippi Division, S.R.C.,
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Here is our report with covering check for July and August 1949. September and October will be sent together, shortly after the end of October, I hope.

Time for the annual meeting is approaching for the annual meeting and we are busy getting the machinery in gear. I do hope you plan to be with us this time. Try, won't you ?

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21, 1949

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Here is such local information as we have been able to get about the recent attack case in Greenwood County, S. C. Our correspondence with local people has, of course, been confidential. If you should like to use any of this information, we would appreciate your doing so in a manner which would not embarrass any of the people with whom we have been in touch.

One of our correspondents, Miss Rebecca Reid of Sumter, S. C., was in Greenwood the night after the tragedy, visiting friends who lived next door to the family of the girl's escort. She had the opportunity of talking at length with a member of the boy's family who, she reports, was "puzzled" -- as she was -- over the circumstances surrounding Tolbert's long drive around the country with the boy and girl when the risk of discovery was so great. She learned that the 17-year-old boy was the only, "spoiled" son of a widowed mother.

On October 5, Miss Reid interviewed Mr. Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, defense attorney in the case. Mr. Boulware is a Negro lawyer who, according to Miss Reid, has been previously associated with the NAACP and Thurgood Marshall in several local trials. The substance of her conversation with Mr. Boulware is as follows:

1. Mr. Boulware told Miss Reid that Tolbert was a "bullying", "domineering" sort of person and that his first intent that night had been to "frighten and cow the couple".

2. Mr. Boulware stated that Tolbert admitted to him two actual assaults on the girl during the drive. The clothes of both Tolbert and the girl, according to FBI tests, showed blood and hairs of both races. Tolbert insisted to Boulware, however, that it was not rape since there was mutual consent. [According to the Greenville News for August 13,

1949, Tolbert freely admitted the attacks when apprehended and told questioners that he had changed his clothing after leaving the young couple near the spot where he earlier had forced himself into the car. According to this news account, Greenwood County officers went to the spot he mentioned and found the clothing where he had hidden it.]

3. According to Mr. Boulware, Tolbert had drunk a large amount of "poison alcohol" that afternoon and had driven around during the incident that night trying to find some more to drink. They did stop for beer as well as gas, which the victims were required to pay for. [The same Greenville News story quoted Greenwood officers as stating that the girl's escort had started to resist but that Tolbert started to choke the girl, threatening to kill them both if there was further resistance. According to the officers, the youth was "frail and had had heart trouble".]

4. Mr. Boulware told Miss Reid that there had been little he could do for Tolbert as defense attorney, "as there was no defense". There apparently was no question of Tolbert's sanity, except for the drinking.

5. The fact that the trial in Greenwood was an orderly one Mr. Boulware attributed to the father of the girl, Mr. Beasley, who is the Solicitor. Although tension was high, Mr. Boulware said that the girl's father threw all his influence behind the legal process. At one point in the trial when things grew tense, the Solicitor walked over to Mr. Boulware and laid his hand on his shoulder as a gesture of confidence.

What other information we have been able to obtain does not conflict with the account Miss Reid has given us.

We hope that we are not too late in getting this to you and that it will be of some help in clearing up some of the dubious points in the case.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:s

October 21, 1949

Mr. James P. McGuire
J. P. McGuire Construction Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Mr. J. H. Wheeler sent us on your letter to him of October 18, accompanied by its check for $250.00.

We are deeply grateful for your approval of the work of the Council. The sum you so kindly gave helps us through a tough spot just at the present and will make it easier for us to find in the future the additional sources on which we must depend.

We will send you from time to time the Council's various publications. We would welcome at any time your comment or advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mr. J. H. Wheeler

October 21, 1949

The Rev. Mr. T. V. Morrison, Rector
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
221 - 34th Street
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mr. Morrison:

We had word today from Mr. Emerson Smith that you had very kindly agreed to be the representative of the Southern Regional Council at Mr. Moron's inauguration.

So far as I know, that entails no duties other than attending the appropriate meeting and marching in the procession.

For certainty's sake, I have notified the Inauguration Committee at Hampton myself of the fact that you would serve.

To guard against the unlikely event of anyone's asking you for some discussion of the Southern Regional Council, I supply you with a leaflet or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

October 21, 1949

Mr. Cabell Phillips
New York Times
311 Albee Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabell:

I read with much interest the article about Camden, Alabama. I don't know Camden, but I think the story you wrote about it should be acceptable to any but Camden's most intolerant residents.

We are lining things up for a story to send you such as you and I talked about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. McKoy

October 21, 1949

Mr. A. S. Reynolds
Stephens Lee High School
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I had an opportunity in conversation this week with Mrs. Ada Jarnagin to explore the possibilities of getting circulation for this new little pamphlet when the PTA's meet in Asheville November 26 - 27.

Here are a couple of copies for you. You will already doubtless have seen some of the remarkable press and magazine notice the pamphlet has had. I am sure you will quickly see also its possibilities in the hands of local community leaders. A one-time committee going to see the local editor, little green book in hand, can accomplish near miracles.

Mrs. Jarnagin said I should send you a hundred copies, soonish, to be held for the meeting. She will undertake the bother of selling them at the meeting. They cost fifteen cents apiece.

This, then, is some advance notice and a request for your kind cooperation when in early November we do send up the package of a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Mrs. Ada Jarnagin

October 21, 1949

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I saw Mrs. Ratliff in Jackson, Mississippi, a few days ago and she told me that she had talked to you about the membership subscriptions of $25.00 of our Conferences to the Southern Regional Council.

These are the Conferences that have not taken advantage of this: South Carolina, North Alabama, Holston, Virginia, North Mississippi. Western North Carolina has until this year. So far we have not received their $25.00.

Mrs. Ratliff's plan was to tell them that their officers needed to be members of the Southern Regional Council, that they might receive the material that would keep them up to date on social problems of the South. The $25.00 would give membership to eight of their members. I hope you can succeed in getting these Conferences to take this membership. It will help the Council and help the Conferences.

I am still regretting that you were not at our Workshop.

Best wishes always,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

dt/t

October 21, '49

Miss Matilda Saxton
80 Spring Street
Trenton 8, N.J.

My dear Miss Saxon,

I do hope you will read and ponder the uses of the green pamphlet which I send along with this letter.

It has had remarkable success, though out only three weeks or so. Already the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Assn. has sent it to each member newspaper in the South, and Time and Newsweek have praised it, as you can see.

The next step is to get it into the hands of interested newspaper readers, particularly in the South, but anywhere else it would do good. You will see that a lot can be accomplished by having even a few people read it in any given town, and then go as a committee to see the editor, and ask him to bring his paper around as nearly as he can to the rules in the little green book.

I have been working with Bishops and Church Associations and life insurance companies and lodges and chambers of commerce across the South to get this done.

Our Council, as you may know, has the friendly support of the Methodist Church, and in particular of the Women's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Tilly serves the Council directly, and is helping to get Race in the News understood and used.

We sell the pamphlets for 15 cents. I am greatly in hopes that you can find a way to get them widely used by your local groups. That would help everything!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 21st, 1949

Mr. Wilton C. Scott
Director of Public Relations
Georgia State College
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

This will acknowledge yours of October 12th and tell you how glad we are to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council.

Dues have been increased from $2 per year for single memberships and from $3 to $4 a year for joint husband-wife memberships. Your two-dollar check has been credited, and if you will let us have one additional dollar you will then be paid up in full for the coming year.

Our bulletin New South will be sent you each month, as well as any other publications which may be issued during the year. Please let us hear from you whenever we can be of service, or whenever you have any suggestion to offer for the improvement of our program.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21st, 1949

Mr. Arthur D. Shores, Treasurer
Alabama Division, SRC.,
1630 - 4th Avenue
North Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Shores:

Here is our report, with covering check, for July and August, 1949. September and October will be sent together shortly, I hope, after the end of October.

Time for the annual meeting is drawing near. I do hope you can plan to be with us. If your announcement has not already arrived, it should do so soon.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21st, 1949

Mrs. C. B. Smith, Treasurer
Tennessee Division, S.R.C.,
Methodist Parsonage,
Donnelson, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Here is our report, with covering check, for July and August 1949. September and October will be sent together shortly, I hope, after the end of October.

I do hope you can plan to be with us for the annual meeting on November 9th. Try to come, won't you ?

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21, 1949

The Rev. Mr. Emerson Smith, Director
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street, Room 202
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Thanks a lot for arranging for Mr. T. B. Morrison of Newport News to represent the Southern Regional Council at Mr. Moron's inauguration at Hampton.

For formality's sake I am writing directly to Mr. Morrison, and to the Inauguration Committee at Hampton, making this all doubly clear.

If in the next day or so you could hasten to us your notes on Virginia in '48-'49, we could still use them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21, 1949

Mr. Kenneth C. Smith
203 East Duval Street
Live Oak, Florida

Dear Ken:

That was kind and right of you to write the other day. You will by this time have heard from Mrs. Tilly on how she handled it.

You ought to come along and join our Council. Here is something about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21st, 1949

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Treasurer
N. C. State Division, S.R.C.,
Box 201
Durham, N.C.

Dear Dr. Spaulding:

It was with much pleasure and rejoicing that we here received the news that the NCIRC had voted to become a State Division of the Council. We are all looking forward to working with you and other officers in this closer, intra-family relationship.

Dr. Mitchell has told you, I am sure, that it is our practice to return to state divisions one-half of all dues collected within the state, with a detailed report each month giving names and addresses of those making such payments. Contributions designated for the division are also so returned.

When matters of membership have been settled and your Committee has had an opportunity to notify members of the former NCIRC, we will provide you, the secretary, and the chairman, and any others you may designate, with a complete card file of North Carolina membership, and will keep it current by the addition of cards covering new members as they join.

Meanwhile, here is our check for $67.50, or one-fourth of the $250 campaign gift of Mr. James P. McGuire of Durham.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21, '49

Dear Mrs. Spearman,

Thanks for let, and MS from Miss Maxwell.

I like the MS as is, but have submitted it to Fleming's judgment. Then we'll find time somehow to get it done. We have just reduced staff by four persons, to save pennines, and shall therefore have to bill SC for the cost of the mimeographing. Will try to get out in the October mailing of New South.

We can resume sending you the monthly list of new people, and will do so with pleasure.

I can't do much about the Athens people, other than be friendly, as their proper link is through the Ga. Commission.

When do you come over here?

Thanks for Greenwood infor. I will send report to Mays, who wanted all he could get.

Sincerely,

GSM

October 21, 1949

Mr. Louis Spilman, Pres. and Editor
Waynesboro News-Virginian
Waynesboro, Virginia

Dear Mr. Spilman:

We are happy to have your letter of October 17 concerning our pamphlet "Race in the News".

The reference to the Petersburg Progress-Index is based on information supplied by the editor of that newspaper. He informed us that the Progress-Index has carried a special column of Negro news for thirty years. The Negro news section being a daily affair, he said, a full-time reporter is in charge of it.

It would seem quite likely that the News-Virginian pioneered in the employment of a Negro reporter (though we do not have this information for the Progress-Index). Had we known that fact, it would certainly have been mentioned in the pamphlet. We shall point to it with admiration from now on.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

October 21, '49

Dear Mrs. Weaver,

A letter the other day from Thelma Stevens mentioned the desirability of writing to you about Race in the News. I am sure there was only the briefest mention of it at the meeting last month, and I am most anxious for you to help us all in getting the most benefit from the really remarkableopportunity it presents.

By good fortune it has already been sent to practically all editors in the South, by their own Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association. So the papers have it. Now the next thing is to get local follow-up visits by interested newspaper readers, who will also have read the littlegreen book. If groups from Churches, especially, will take this up endless good will result. It is an action program in the best spirit of Southern effort; on behalf of what is honest and fair, and capable of being done in a way that can hardly offend anyone. And accomplishment will be immediate, and visible, and will reflect credit rightly on whatever group seeks the interview.

I wish we could supply them for free, but we have a printers' bill to meet, and must charge fifteen cents each for the pamphlets. But they have already been bought in blocks of 500 and 1000 by life insurance companies (to send out to policyholders), by Churches, by Bishops, by ministerial associations, by fraternal bodies, and so on.

Please see what arrangements you would think possible, and let us know. We are most anxious to have your help in getting this benefit out. Rightly used, it can undoubtedly change the whole Southern press in a matter of a year or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 21, 1949

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

That Mr. McGuire is a peach of a guy. I hope you will find some informal way to let him know I think that.

Mighty kind of you to lend your solid friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 21st, 1949

Mrs. William C. White
Okechobee, Fla.

Dear Mrs. White:

Here is our report, with covering check, for July and August, 1949. September and October will be sent together shortly, I hope, after the end of October.

Time for the annual meeting is drawing near, and I do hope it will be possible for you to be with us. Meanwhile, with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 21st, 1949

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Young:

Here is our report for July and August, 1949, with covering check. September and October will be sent together shortly, I hope, after the first of November.

You note I am still sending these reports and checks to you. Actually, and oddly, I have just discovered that Mr. Baer is not, according to our records here, a member of the Council ! This should, of course, be rectified as soon as possible. When you get his membership, do let me know if he is willing to take over as treasurer and I shall then stop bothering you. With treasurer-duties, at least!

I enjoyed your good letter and was so glad to have it. You would indeed have taken pleasure in Mrs. Tilly's meeting and I wish you could have been here. You would be encouraged, too, if you could see the response we are getting from our newest pamphlet, RACE IN THE NEWS, of which you have doubtless already received a copy. It was immediately effective here when Mrs. Tilly, with a small bi-racial group, called on editors of both papers, little green book in hand. The following Sunday the Constitution, in striking departure from previous policy, played Negro news, unsegregated, on a basis of merit only, with fine pictures of Negroes in illustration, -- all handled just like any other news. If our members could follow through in a similar way, with a selected bi-racial group calling on their editors in towns and hamlets all over the South, I think we could give tremendous impetus to a movement that is only beginning to be felt.

Preparations for the annual meeting are already under way here, with notices going out with New South to all members this week. I do hope we shall see you at that time.

Cordially, and with all good wishes,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 22, 1949

Mr. Walter Eric Brown
Spring Creek Apt. 19, Village 1
Sheffield, Alabama

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of October 16, inquiring about the work of the Council. We are sending separately a leaflet describing the purpose and program of the Council, with several recent issues of New South.

There is a membership blank in the back of the "What Kind of South Do You Want?" leaflet. We would welcome you as a member. Dues are three dollars a year.

Yes, Harold Fleming is still very much with us. As director of Information, he is responsible for New South and other publications. He is not in the office today, but I know he will be glad to learn that you have written. If you are ever in Atlanta, please come by the office and see us.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

October 22, '49

Dear Mr. Forer,

Thank you for your letter. Here are some things:

Negro white collar worker -- see N. in Our Economy
Negro Press - Pamphlet by that name
Civil Rights - To Secure these Rights
Condition of our Rights
Right to Vote
Honest Answer
Action by Governors
Law and Discrimination
FEPC -We have nothing special, and you must have the standard sources
Color Consciousness etc. We have nothing
South Africa - a blank

Additionally we attach:
Tenth Man
Singers in Dawn
Kentuckians

Plus a couple of free things, plus a blue list of all we have, plus a yellow list of the best ones.

My warmest recommendations for the green pamphlet, RACE IN THE NEWS. Going like hot cakes, and doing a lot of good.

Total bill is $1.10, plus about 20c postage. Altogether $1.30.

We would be delighted to send you quickly larger bundles of any of these.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 22, 1949

Miss Dorothy Mishkind
The National Guardian
17 Murray Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Miss Mishkind:

The copy of RACE IN THE NEWS that you requested is being mailed separately. The price: 15¢. Stamps are acceptable.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

October 24, 1949

Mr. L. L. Kilgore
State Department of Education
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kilgore:

This is a pamphlet of some importance.

You will be fully aware of the movement which has been growing for some time in the South for the papers to be fairer and fuller in their coverage of news about Negro matters. RACE IN THE NEWS is an effort to swell and make exact that movement.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it to all their member papers. It has been bought in good big blocks by various groups of teachers, ministers, and by one or two of the larger Negro life insurance companies to mail out to policy holders.

The next step is to get it widely into the hands of conscientious and interested people. Many of them may feel moved to arrange visits to their local editors in the interest of the rules laid down in the little green book.

The Council will be particularly pleased if the Jeanes teachers could receive RACE IN THE NEWS. Very possibly many of the regular teachers would be interested in it.

We have it in good supply at fifteen cents a copy. We are too poor to send

it out for free. Would you be good enough to see whether this or that small treasury could buy enough to distribute -- perhaps the association of Jeanes teachers or some such similar group?

You will see that it is written constructively and with every allowance for the special circumstances in which each editor finds himself. We believe that with thoughtful follow-up work in towns and cities across the South, the little pamphlet can do a lot to improve the practices of southern papers on matters of race.

I would be most grateful for a letter telling me what you think can be done with it in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 24, 1949

Mr. Ed McCuistion
State Department of Education
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 24, '49

Dear Mr. Miller,

I'm sorry, but UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS has been out of print for some time. I send you instead AMERICA'S TENTH MAN, which has much of the same material, and is quite good.

Each costs ten cents. If you will send us a dime, or stamps, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 24, '49

Mrs. Dorothy M. Nathan
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Nathan,

Thank you very much for the order for 100 RACE IN THE NEWS. I have sent them up to-day.

We have to charge 15 cents straight for them, but we pay the postage.

It is a popular pamphlet, already doing a noticeable amount of good!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 24, 1949

Mr. W. C. Strahan
State Department of Education
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Strahan:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 24, 1949

Mr. Sam B. Taylor
State Department of Education
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 24, '49

Dear Mr. Tilford,

We are sorry about continuing to send you New South despite your earlier letter. I have caused a search to be made for the letter, to see how we slipped, but haven't found the letter.

In any case we have pulled the stencil, and completely (though regretfully) discontinued you as one of our members.

I hope you remain a well-wisher of the Council's program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 24, '49

Miss Agnes L. Walker
Blue Ridge Sanitarium
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Miss Walker,

Thank you for kind remarks about Race in the News.

It is helping quite a lot.

I am sending off the six more copies. They cost 15 cents apiece, which makes 90cents.

Folks at Blue Ridge generally aren't overflowing with money, but if you can join our Council, or otherwise get us some money help, we would be grateful. These are hard times!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 24, 1949

Mr. D. E. Williams
State Department of Education
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

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I would be most grateful for a letter telling me what you think can be done with it in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. F. Rivers Barnwell
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
1328 Louisiana
Fort Worth 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

Thank you for your letter of October 22 about the meetings.

I have sent off to you at your home address the following:

25	WANTED: THE SOUTH'S FUTURE FOR THE NATION @ .10	2.50
25	AMERICA'S TENTH MAN @ .10	2.50
25	SINGERS IN THE DAWN @ .10	2.50
25	HOUSING IN THE SOUTH @ .10	2.50
25	CONDITION OF OUR RIGHTS @ .10	2.50
10	THE NEGRO IN OUR ECONOMY @ .10	1.00
5	TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS @ .10	.50
5	THE NEGRO IN AMERICA @ .10	.50
25	NEW SOUTH, September 1949 @ .05	1.25
25	RACE IN THE NEWS @ .15	3.75
		$ 19.50

My own experience has been that in selling pamphlets at a meeting, variation of prices brings in so much confusion that few pamphlets get sold. On this account, I have arbitrarily whacked the prices of practically all of these pamphlets down to ten cents apiece. That ought to make it a good deal easier to sell them.

The one exception is RACE IN THE NEWS, which is brand new and on which we can't cut the price.

I put in a few free things -- mostly about SRC.

We will be extremely grateful for your kindness in selling the pamphlets at the two meetings. Please write us and send on what you take in after the November 16-19 meeting, and again December 9-10. If any pamphlets are left, take the postage out of the receipts and mail them on back to us, if you will, please.

Our warm appreciation to you and to Mrs. Crate.

I have some pleasant acqaintance with Dr. Penn, who I see is your head man.

I have been working with Mr. Elmer Henderson, of the American Council on Human Rights, to distribute a great many copies of RACE IN THE NEWS.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York.

Dear Dr. Calkins:

Sorry we could not be helped.

Perhaps at a later time I can give you a case less dire and in every aspect acceptable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Mr. F. Rivers Barnwell of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Fort Worth wrote us very kindly at your instance and asked for quite a block of pamphlets to be sent him on consignment to sell at upcoming meetings.

Mighty kind of you. We appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. Thomas T. Hamilton, Jr.
State Department of Education
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

I will still greatly hope that you can get here for the meetings. We will need you.

Thanks for talking to Charles Johnson and Mr. Byrd.

Here are five copies of your pamphlet. The one dollar didn't get enclosed, but you can put that in next time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

P.S. RACE IN THE NEWS still going strong.

October 25, 1949

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State Department of Education
Columbia, South Carolina

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Mr. Clifford Powell
State Department of Education
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Powell:

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You will be fully aware of the movement which has been growing for some time in the South for the papers to be fairer and fuller in their coverage of news about Negro matters. RACE IN THE NEWS is an effort to swell and make more exact that movement.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has sent it to all their member papers. It has been bought in good big blocks by various groups of teachers, ministers, and by one or two of the larger Negro life insurance companies to mail out to policy holders.

The next step is to get it widely into the hands of conscientious and interested people. Many of them may feel moved to arrange visits to their local editors in the interest of the rules laid down in the little green book.

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We have it in good supply at fifteen cents a copy. We are too poor to send

it out for free. Would you be good enough to see whether this or that small treasury could buy enough to distribute -- perhaps the association of Jeames teachers or some such similar group?

You will see that it is written constructively and with every allowance for the special circumstances in which each editor finds himself. We believe that with thoughtful follow-up work in towns and cities across the South, the little pamphlet can do a lot to improve the practices of southern papers on matters of race.

I would be most grateful for a letter telling me what you think can be done with it in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. J. B. Rutland
State Department of Education
Houston, Texas

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. Theodore R. Speigner, Chairman
Resource-Use Education Committee
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Speigner:

Thanks a lot for your post card about the upcoming Area Resource-Use Education Conference.

I am sending a hundred copies each of our newest leaflets describing our current pamphlets, as well as a copy of each of the pamphlets.

I do hope some of them will be liked, and that various of the principals will order some.

I send along also 50 leaflets describing the Council. Perhaps some of those who come will be willing to join the Council.

We are grateful to you for this opportunity to get our materials known.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 25, 1949

Mr. W. E. Turner
State Department of Education
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Zack Allen
Five Points, Alabama

Dear Mr. Allen:

We had a letter the other day from Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr., who is a member of the Southern Regional Council. He told us that maybe you would be interested in joining it too.

If you will go through the brown leaflet, you will see the sort of thing we do. And I send the latest copy of our monthly magazine too.

There is a blank at the back of the brown leaflet, if you would be interested in what we do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Robert Barrus
Young Men's Christian Association
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Bob Barrus:

I was chosen to answer the Y's inquiry about materials; having some Chapel Hill connections, I am supposed to be able to tell you gently that we are too broke to send out things for free!

We are sending a few recent publications to give you an idea of what is available, with a complete publications list. If some of the materials would be useful, we will be glad to have the Y's order.

I have heard of you from many sources, the latest Rosalie Oakes, who said she had talked with you yesterday in Chapel Hill. Blessings on thee.

Elizabeth Taylor

October 26, 1949

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

Anything you can do to link us more closely with this useful group?

McKee sent only one copy of his report - a one page mimeographed document. Perhaps you could write him for a copy for the Alabama Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

P.S. We do hope you are going to be over here for the Board meeting the 8th and the membership meeting the 9th. We greatly need you.
G.S.M.

PERSONAL October 26, 1949

Mr. Wright Bryan, Editor
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bryan:

We had an interesting letter today from an inquirer in Dayton, Ohio, who had seen the story in Time Magazine about RACE IN THE NEWS and asked for a copy.

He said he had been interested in the subject for a number of years and had studied the techniques of the Dayton papers in handling racial news stories. He went on: ..."A great improvement in the bias-free presentation of news can be seen ever since Publisher James C. Cox (who also owns and publishes the Atlanta Journal) bought control of the local morning newspaper, which formerly slanted its racial news-stories. Presently, his policy of with-holding the racial identity of suspected or alleged criminals, obtains at both the Dayton Daily News and the Dayton Journal-Herald."

This I thought was of interest, and I forward it to you only because of that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
Route 4
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

We were so glad to have your letter of October 22, and to know that you are going to try your best to come over for the annual meeting. We greatly want you to get here and to bring your five good friends along.

Miss Brett went to Germany for the Quakers -- the American Friends Service Committee.

I have written as enclosed to those who names you were kind enough to give me. I hope some or all of them will join the Council.

A whole lot of our members did very kindly send in ten dollars. It amounted all told to $3,000. We are still mighty bad off, but no worse off than a man with a cotton crop that the weevils got into badly, so I won't beg you for ten dollars. Come to the meeting and that will be enough.

Sorry about the McCoy boy. It looks by the paper like he hasn't been treated fair thus far.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Dr. Hallie Farmer
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Dr. Farmer:

Thanks for straightening me out. My confusion arises from Mr. T. H. Napier's letter of May 31, 1949, which begged me to be on hand November 13 - 17.

I take it that now I am expected to be there for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 13, 14, 15, and 16.

By present plans, I will be there Sunday and Monday, and Miss Taylor Tuesday and Wednesday. I hope that is okay.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Samuel B. Kidd
825 Tunis Place
Dayton 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kidd:

That was kind of you to write. We are particularly interested to have your information about the Dayton papers.

I send you a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS. We are supposed to charge fifteen cents for it, and perhaps you can be kind enough to send us back that much in stamps.

The pamphlet is going very well indeed. It has already been sent out to southern papers by their own publishers association. My next job is to get follow-up action by local people in towns and cities across the South. If that is done, I am convinced a big dent will be made in the southern press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. McKoy

October 26, 1949

Mrs. H. H. Leech
P. O. Box 56
La Fayette, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Leech:

How kind of you to write!

The Council's dues have crept up these days to three dollars a year, which I hope won't seem too much.

That will entitle you to receive New South with regularity.

I send you, with our compliments, the latest Council publication, RACE IN THE NEWS. It is doing quite a lot of good.

The easiest way to sign into the Council will be to fill out the blank in the brown leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. B. Otis Magbee
Route 1
Buffalo, Alabama

Dear Mr. Magbee:

We had a letter the other day from Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr., who is a member of the Council at Roanoke. He had been asked to visit four or five persons who might also be interested in the Council's work, and wrote us a bit about you.

He indicated that you are doing veterans' on-the-farm training teaching, which is a program that I happen greatly to admire.

You will see from the enclosed leaflet what the Council is. If you would be interested in joining us, we would be very glad indeed to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

October 26, 1949

Mr. J. T. McKee
Northport, Alabama

Dear Mr. McKee:

I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of the report of the Committee on Interracial Relations of the Tuscaloosa Religious Council for the recent quarter. What is being done is commendable in every way.

I am taking the liberty of making the Committee's work known to the head of our Alabama Division, Dr. A. D. Beittel at Talladega College, who will be greatly interested also.

I make bold to offer three suggestions, some of which might have value now or later on:

1. The next job is equal school facilities, by consent and agreement if possible rather than by law suit. If you will take time to go through the pamphlet on "A Virginia County", you will see at once the relevance to each southern county's situation. Nothing would build good will and lasting citizenship better than mutual agreement between white and Negro leadership on how and how soon equal schools can be got.

2. The green pamphlet enclosed, called RACE IN THE NEWS. I am sure you will understand at once the benefits that would flow from a visit or two to local editors by a committee or by individuals who discussed with him the simple rules laid down in the little green book. The newspaper publishers already have received a copy through their own association.

3. The Home Town Self-Survey. This enables us to get to the bottom of most of the problems in a city or town. It works.

If the Council could be of assistance to you in any way, we would be most anxious to do so.

Please let us know from time to time of your program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Dr. A. D. Beittel

October 26, 1949

Dr. N. C. Newbold
Director of Negro Education
State Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Newbold:

Here is a copy of a letter we sent to the other state agents. You know all about this already.

I do hope you will help on it if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. J. C. Stoghill
Lafayette, Alabama

Dear Mr. Stoghill:

One of our members in Alabama has suggested that you would be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Here is a leaflet that tells what the Council does, with a copy of our magazine New South. There is a membership blank in the "What Kind of South Do You Want?" leaflet.

We would be very glad to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Jessie Terry
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Terry:

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr., has written us that you might be interested in what the Southern Regional Council does.

Here is a leaflet that tells about the Council, with a copy of our monthly magazine New South.

If you would like to become a member, there is a blank at the back of the brown leaflet. We would be very glad indeed to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 26, 1949

Mr. Tommie Thompson
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your friend Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr., who belongs to our Southern Regional Council, has asked me to write you and see if you would care to join.

I send a pamphlet that tells about the Council.

I think you will find it a very useful organization, and we would like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

cc: Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.

October 26, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Wright:

At the suggestion of Dr. Mitchell, I came by Linville Falls to have a talk with you, but of course was greatly disappointed that you were not at home.

However, having to spend most of the day in Linville Falls, I struck up with the bear hunters and listened at the hounds run for a while.

It appears that our first task is to finish up the $250 campaign that was launched some time ago. This will get that project out of the way and, at the same time, ought to yield some badly needed cash which Dr. Mitchell says is imperative at this particular time. We are asking all the states to get action on this right away, and it is my hope that you may take the lead in seeing that the prospects in South Carolina are solicited. I should be very glad indeed to spend a few days with you in South Carolina if you can possibly spare the time.

I expect to be in Tennessee and Kentucky the latter part of this week and the first of next. Any time after that would be satisfactory if it would be suitable to you, provided, however, you let me know a little ahead of time.

Looking forward to seeing you in the very near future, I remain

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Byrd

tfb/t

October 27, 1949

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Dr. Brimm:

As you may know, I am connected at the present time with the Southern Regional Council.

I expect to be in Louisville the early part of the coming week, and will be very glad to have a conference with you and Dr. Witherspoon. Dr. Louie D. Newton, as well as Mr. Mitchell, suggested that I see you on this trip. I will get in touch with you as soon as I reach Louisville.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Byrd

tfb/t

October 27, 1949

Mr. T. M. Campbell, Field Agent
Extension Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter of October 14 about RACE IN THE NEWS.

I have written to Mr. John W. Mitchell, and am sending out today the attached letter to the various supervising agents.

That was very kind of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 27, 1949

Mrs. William M. Carmichael
1151 Oxford Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Carmichael:

Here is the copy of Mr. Williams' introduction of Mrs. Roosevelt (Atlanta, September 8) that you requested.

Sorry about the delay.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

October 27, 1949

Mr. C. L. Evans, Executive Secretary
Baptist General Association of Virginia
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

My dear Mr. Evans:

Under separate cover we are mailing to you, in a day or so, the letterheads for the letter to be sent out to Virginia Baptists in your Convention. I hope they will be satisfactory.

I am also enclosing 100 of our "Questions and Answers" which you may enclose, if you desire, for some of the better churches.

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Byrd

tfb/t

October 27, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I expected to see you when I got down to Atlanta, but found that you and Mr. Havens were gallivanting around on the West Coast. My, it must be wonderful to be rich and have nothing to do but follow around and march in with the King's Daughters. Anyway, I hope you had a good time and got to see your grandson in New Orleans.

When do you expect to be in Atlanta? I will certainly be glad to see you.

I am enclosing one of the short outlines of the procedure of our campaign. You will note that the first thing is to clear up this list of 100 from whom we would like to have $250 apiece. I note that a great number of these are in Florida, and I am wondering if you wouldn't be willing to go with me or someone else and see them. That is, of course, the ones who have not already responded. From glancing over the list, I think you have a very good list for Florida and it ought to produce some ready money, which Dr. Mitchell tells me is very much needed at this time.

Be sure and remember me to Mr. Havens, and let me hear from you soon.

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Byrd

tfb/t
enclosure

October 27, 1949

Mrs. Lowry Hunt
Madison, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

We have recently had an inquiry about self-surveys from a Miss Helena Huntington Smith, who is interested in writing an article about them for the Woman's Home Companion. We have told her about the Madison survey, and she will probably write you about it in the near future.

Mrs. Doris Lockerman, Associate Editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has called us again to express her interest in the progress of your survey in Madison. If any more articles have been published in the Madisonian since the first three we got from you, we would appreciate very much your sending them to us.

If we can do anything more to help, let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

October 27, 1949

Mrs. R. H. Jones
Route 1
Osceola, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you for your card inquiring about publications. We are sending separately one or two leaflets describing the work of the Council, with a complete list of materials available from our office. We would be glad to have your order.

Since you asked about playlets, we are sending you a copy of "Mary Smith Meets Mr. People," prepared by the Anti-Defamation League. It is possible that they would have other publications that would be helpful to you and your group. The address:

Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Let us know if we can be of service in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

October 27, 1949

Mr. John W. Mitchell
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

You will have seen that a few weeks ago our Council got out this pamphlet. It has had all sorts of favorable notice: Time and Newsweek and Horace Cayton and Gordon Hancock and so on.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has already sent it to practically every newspaper in the South. They followed it a week later with a reprint of the story from Time (October 3). So the editors have had it.

Now I am doing my darnedest to get interested local readers of the papers to see the pamphlet, read the pamphlet, and take the appropriate action.

In this effort, I have circularized church leaders and school principals and school teachers and lodge officials and policy holders of insurance companies.

I have also sent the enclosed letter to colored supervising agents in the various southern states, including those in what I know to be your territory. I hope that is all right with you.

The thing I am after is one-time committee visits to editors right

across the South, to urge them to bring the papers up to the standards laid out in the little green book. We can both see what very great help your people can be in that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

White

October 27, '49

Miss Mary Shadow
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Athens, Tenn.

Dear Miss Shadow,

We are delighted that you are to come to the meeting November 9. It will begin at 9.30, in the Exhibit Room of the Library Building of Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut St., S.W., Atlanta. Registration begins at 9 A.M. Luncheon will be served, and the meeting should be over in mid-afternoon. 'Tis the annual membership meeting of the Council.

Thank you a lot for joining the Council. Welcome! And thanks for the check. Dues have been for a year and a half up to 3.00, so that for cleanest books you could still send us in a dollar, but it could rest over till next year.

I send along also a copy of RACE in the NEWS, our latest pamphlet. You will see the uses that can be made of it, in every local community that has a newspaper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 27, 1949

Miss Thelma Stevens, Secretary
Dept. of Christian Social Relations
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

In one of the spring issues of the Information and Action Bulletin there appeared an account of the community self-survey undertaken by the Council of Church Women in Mobile, Alabama, under Mrs. Tilly's leadership.

Since we do not have a copy of that particular issue, we would appreciate very much your sending it to us. Mrs. Tilly told us that you would know the date of the issue in question.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MAILED TO COLORED SUPERVISING AGENTS OF EXTENSION SERVICE, USDA (about 60)
with copy of RACE IN THE NEWS
and Time reprint

October 27, 1949

Dear Friend:

Our Council is sending you a copy of our latest bulletin, RACE IN THE NEWS.

Through the kind cooperation of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, a copy has already been sent to practically every newspaper in the southern states. So the editors have seen it.

The next thing is to get it widely into the hands of interested citizen readers who will press locally for observance of the simple rules laid down in the little green book. The Council sells the pamphlet for fifteen cents apiece.

This is a local "action program" all in itself.

We will be most grateful for your efforts to get it used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 29, '49

Dr. M. Cartwright
57 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright,

RACE IN THE NEWS herewith, with pleasure.

We have to charge 15 cents for it. Can you send us back that amount (stamps OK)?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 31, 1949

Miss Adele Bloom
State Teachers College
River Falls, Wis.

Dear Miss Bloom:

In response to your recent request we sent you under separate cover sample copies of our pamphlet, Race in the News.

These are priced at 15¢ each and we shall be glad to supply you with any number you require.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 31, 1949

Mrs. J. L. Brock
Bryan, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brock:

We are most grateful for the check for $15.00, and for your kind praise of RACE IN THE NEWS.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

31 October 1949

The Rev. Dwight M. Chalmers
Westminster Presbyterian Church
West Augusta Place and Augusta Drive
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Chalmers:

Unfortunately, the only information we have about the alleged cheating on the South Carolina teachers' certification examinations is also in the form of clippings -- culled mainly from the white papers in South Carolina. We regret that we have nothing in the way of a disinterested or complete report on the case.

However, we are sending a copy of your letter to Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Chairman of our South Carolina Division, with the request that he try to get what information he can through our local people. I hope that he will be able to get something definite for you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs

October 31, 1949

Mrs. James S. Crate, Pres.,
Texas Commission on Interracial Coop'n
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Ex-officio members of our Board are endowed with all "rights and privileges" and you are indeed entitled to attend the Board and annual meetings at Council expense. Moreover, we greatly look forward to seeing you and having you with us.

We too enjoyed the recent conference of church women and were so glad you could be here.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 31, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed is a letter from an SRC member in Greenville, requesting information about the alleged cheating of Negro teachers on the South Carolina certification examinations. We have nothing here but a few inadequate clippings containing little factual information.

Would it be possible for you to find out, through some of our local people in Columbia, just what has been happening? We will appreciate very much whatever information you can get for us and for Mr. Chalmers.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting next week.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

October 31, 1949

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
1100 Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

We are sending you the enclosed self-explanatory letter, and our reply, for your information and whatever action you may wish to take.

We hope very much to see you at the Annual Meeting next week. Until then, best wishes from all of us here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

October 31, 1949

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

You are certainly right to give your attention to pushing through the hospitals under the Hill-Burton Act. We will miss you greatly here, however.

I am anxious to get a detailed account of McGill's appearance. Glad that all went well.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Mr. Clark Foreman, Director
National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions
49 West 44th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Clark:

We are sorry to lose a member of our Board. But I think you are right that if you are to be in New York, somebody with full title to a southern address ought to be in your place.

We are having a hard struggle, but it looks like we can keep on going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Paul D. Williams

October 31, 1949

Mr. A. G. Gaston
Smith and Gaston
1530 Fifth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I thought you would enjoy seeing these two latest publications of the Council.

We continue to be grateful for your kind cooperation in the matter of the letters that went out last spring.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosures

October 31, 1949

Mr. Halbert Harvill, President
Austin Peay State College
Clarksville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Harvill:

We are happy to fill your order of October 29 for pamphlets, as follows:

5 - THE SOUTH: AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY
5 - WANTED: THE SOUTH'S FUTURE FOR THE NATION
5 - WANTED: AN EDUCATED SOUTH
5 - WANTED: A HEALTHY SOUTH
5 - AMERICA'S TENTH MAN

The bill on this is enclosed, in triplicate.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

October 31, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

We greatly look forward to your being here on

Monday, the 7th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Dear Mrs. Havens:

These be sorrowful days for all of us, but somehow our hopes do continue to spring, and we indulge the thought that it may not be for too long.

Dr. Mitchell tells me you will be here for the meeting. We shall look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK/hs

October 31, 1949

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Director
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth Street
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Do give me an answer about RACE IN THE NEWS. I am most anxious to get it into your channels.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
P. O. Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

I am glad indeed to hear of your talk with Dr. Calkins. They had but a bare few days before turned me down on an emergency request for $5,000, which the Lord knows I needed.

Anyhow, it is nice to think we were merely turned back, and did not have the door slammed!

We are going to need you November 8-9.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Miss Dorothy Jones
Professor of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

For good measure, for a Hanover girl, I send not two but three copies of RACE IN THE NEWS.

What progress toward a self-survey in Rock Hill?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Mrs. Meddie Jones
Financial Secretary
Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you so much for your letter giving us the information needed. We have now been able to locate payment for the second set of pamphlets which had been billed to the Tutwiler Fund.

I note you returned, but did not comment on, our invoice for a year's subscription to our publications service at $2.50. This had been substituted for the membership, at $3.00, requested by Mrs. Banton, for the library. Memberships are open only to individuals, and it had been our thought that the publications service, which includes New South, as well as all other publications issued during the year, would better meet your needs. If Mrs. Banton still wishes this we should be glad to enter it.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 31, 1949

Mrs. A. H. Langum, Secretary
Preston Public Schools
Preston, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Langum:

I sent off today a copy of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN.

If you can send us back the dime, in stamps, we'll be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Mr. Adolf Nuchtern
418 S. W. 26th Road
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Nuchtern:

We were happy to have your recent letter and to receive your membership and Mr. Martel's. It will be fine if you succeed in forming a Miami chapter of SRC. Your plans sound most promising. We will be very glad to help in any way we can, both now in your organizing effort and later in your contemplated survey. Such a survey would be one of the surest, most effective ways not only of getting at the roots of local conditions needing improvement, but also of building a wide,active membership.

You know, of course, that there is a Florida Division of SRC. We are sending copies of your letter and our reply to the Chairman, Mr. R. P. Daniel (1100 Florida National Bank Building, Jacksonville, Fla.), with the thought that perhaps you might like to be in touch with him about the formation of the Miami chapter.

We are enclosing the list you requested of SRC members in Dade County. Since some of the people listed have not paid membership dues for the last year or so, some of the addresses may be out-of-date by this time.

We are also enclosing a small circular describing the self-survey technique and the services which SRC offers to towns undertaking surveys.

If we can do anything else to help you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

cc: Mr. R. P. Daniel

October 31, 1949

Mr. D. W. Rich, Jr.,
Chairman, Social Studies Dept.,
The Peddie School
10 Memorial Hall
Highstown, N.J.

Dear Mr. Rich:

Our pamphlet, Race in the News, sells for 15¢ per copy. We shall be glad to send you as many as you need for your social studies course.

For your information our latest publications list is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

October 31, 1949

Mr. Charles M. Smith
Organization Relations Officer
UNESCO Relations Staff
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

letter sent to home add:
Hotel Martinique
1211 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

Nice of you to give me the news October 4. I am delighted you are doing such an interesting thing.

I will try to get hold of you next time I can be Washington way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

Miss Agnes L. Walker
Blue Ridge Sanatorium
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Walker:

Hi! Very many thanks. We enroll you as a paid-up member, with the extra contribution besides. And the whole office has enjoyed the letter and the money order.

I am one touched by the Scottish nationalist bug. My nightly reading is all about how to make something of the Highlands again. If you would like to while time with Scotland books, I could lend you quite a shelf. What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

October 31, 1949

The Rev. Mr. James P. Wesberry
Morningside Baptist Church
1344 North Highland Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wesberry:

The Tuesday Luncheon Group has agreed with pleasant anticipation to have Congressman Hays as its guest speaker on Tuesday, December 6.

The luncheon will be at 12:15, and probably at the YWCA, 37 Auburn Avenue, NE. They expect a crowd of about 150 people, liberally sprinkled with younger lawyers.

In case the place is changed later, I will let you know, but the time and hour are certain.

They will be informed that Brooks' next engagement is at 1:30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Prepared for New South, October, 1949

CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF NEGROES IN ARKANSAS, 1948-49

by A. Stephen Stephan

Significant changes in the status of Negroes in Arkansas have occurred in recent years and one of the most important concerned their political participation. Just how many Negroes voted in 1948 is not known, but the indications are that probably more of them voted than ever before. According to one estimate by Dr. J. M. Robinson, long president of the Arkansas Negro Democratic Association, about 22,600 Negroes voted in the primaries in the summer of 1948. Arkansas has a preferential and a run-off primary in its gubernatorial election. The total vote in the run-off primary, the largest vote cast in 1948, was approximately 300,000. States' rights and civil rights figured in the gubernatorial campaign and Sid McMath, the successful candidate, while not making a forthright endorsement of the federal civil rights program, took the position that the state had responsibilities toward all citizens. McMath was nominated over Jack Holt in the run-off primary by 10,000 votes.

The vote in the primaries and in the general election indicated an advance in political participation on the part of both races. Both whites and Negroes were urged to qualify as voters. The Negro newspapers and organizations, including the Arkansas Negro Democratic Association, made strong appeals to the Negroes to pay their poll taxes and these appeals were continued in 1949. Governor McMath advocated the repeal of the one-dollar non-cumulative poll tax (payment of the poll tax also constitutes registration), but the measure was not passed by the 1949 legislature. The Governor also advocated stringent anti-lynching legislation but such a measure was not introduced. Provisions were made by the legislature for general advances in roads, education, medical education, and social services.

In February, 1949, the people of Little Rock by a somewhat narrow margin voted a $359,000 bond issue for the establishment of a Negro Park and recreational facilities for a community center, a swimming pool, and playgrounds. Little Rock had upwards of two million dollars in recreational facilities for whites but the city had spent practically nothing to provide park and playground facilities for Negroes, who made up about twenty-five per cent of the population.

It was hoped that the Negro Park, or at least the swimming pool, would be available this past summer. A recent picture in the Little Rock Arkansas Gazette shows Negro children looking on a model of a recreational center constructed by two Negro children with the caption: "They can dream, can't they?" Three Negro children were drowned while playing and swimming in the Arkansas River in Little Rock in mid-summer.

There was a long delay and much disputation in the selection of a site. The City Council finally voted approval of the area known as the South End site, as recommended by the City Planning Commission. During this past summer, the Little Rock Housing Authority began investigating the possibility of using the $359,000 bond money as the local contribution in obtaining federal funds in a million dollar slum clearance project. The city is committed to spending the money for Negro recreational facilities and city officials have endorsed the slum clearance proposals in so far as they do not jeopardize the planned park development. The Little Rock Housing Authority has plans for 600 housing units, 500 for Negroes and 100 for white World War II veterans.

In the 1948 general election, the people adopted an initiated act to compel all school districts which had less than 350 enumerates to dissolve and annex to larger school districts. This has reduced the number of districts from over 1500 to approximately 400 and gives more assurance of providing educational opportunities from grade 1 to grade 12 for every child in the State, Negro and

white. In addition, the people also adopted a constitutional amendment authorizing every school district by a majority vote to levy a property tax at whatever amount they deem necessary for support of the schools. Formerly there was an 18-mill limit on tax levies for schools.

During 1948-49 there were erected twelve completely new plants in public elementary and secondary schools serving Negroes. According to statements of local officials, salaries of Negroes and white teachers were equalized in 1948-49 in Jonesboro, North Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Blytheville, and Texarkana. Little Rock and Ft. Smith, the two largest cities, have had equalized salaries for some time, and some other cities could be added to these two. Consolidations and transportation during 1948-49 permitted an increase of about 1000 in Negro high school enrollments of children who had not had previous opportunities for high school attendance. This may be compared with the total of 10,733 in high school enrollment of Negroes during 1947-48. Significant increases were made in high school enrollments for Negroes and whites in 1948-49. School district reorganization and other laws should provide substantial increases in the immediate future.

The inadequate and over-crowded school facilities for Negroes in West Memphis, Arkansas, a community of about 8,000, ~~was~~ were publicized in Life Magazine early in the year. Jack Coughlin, editor of the West Memphis News which campaigned for two years for the badly needed facilities, said the following in an address to the Urban League in Little Rock this past summer: "West Memphis has announced a quarter million dollar school building plan to begin this summer. Members of the School Board, in answer to public demand -- and I want to stress demand of the white public--have expressed determination to provide Negro students with separate but equal school facilities guaranteed by our state constitution." This plan did not materialize. In an election

held on September 27 the proposed bond issue for a Negro school was defeated. A taxpayers' suit appears imminent.

Four taxpayers' suits to equalize school facilities were instituted in 1949 by Negroes against the school boards of DeWitt, Conway County, Ft. Smith, and the Upchurch District, No. 6, near Texarkana. In the DeWitt case Judge H. J. Lemley of the Federal District Court issued a ruling in July that the district must provide for Negro school children "public education facilities substantially equal to those....for white children" and within "a reasonable time". Among the specific instructions to the school board were the following: equalize the length of the school term of the Immanual High School which the Negro students attended with that of the white DeWitt High School, equalize the length of the term of the Negro elementary school, provide "for safe and comfortable transportation" of Negro students from DeWitt to Immanuel High School, and bring about the accreditation of Immanuel High School from Grade C to a Grade A rating, comparable to the standing of the DeWitt High School.

Some significant advances were made in higher education for Negroes during 1948-49. Philander Smith College, a church-supported school in Little Rock, in 1949 became the first Negro college within the state to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It also received a grant of $25,000 from the General Education Board for campus expansion, bringing to a total of $71,800 grants received by the college in recent years from the General Education Board. During 1948-49, the Arkansas A/&M N College, the state-supported school, had an all-time high with a total enrollment of about 2000, including 1,081 in its college student enrollment. The 1941 legislature more than doubled its appropriations for operations, beginning 1949-50 with an appropriation of $435,000 annually for the biennium. The college was also appropriated $750,000 for new buildings. The accrediting of the college by the North Central Association is hoped for soon.

In the fall of 1949, a young Negro woman, Miss Edith Mae Irby of Hot Springs, was accepted in the Medical School of the University of Arkansas on a non-segregated basis. Her admission was based on a high ranking (28th of 230 applicants) in the medical aptitude test. The Law School of the University accepted a second Negro student last fall; the first student, Silas Hunt, dropped his work because of illness. This second student first attended classed with white students on a unique segregated basis, with a railing in an alcove; the railing was later taken down. For 1949-50, one additional Negro student has been accepted by the Medical School and two additional students by the Law School. During the summer of 1949 the University of Arkansas Graduate Resident Center for Negroes was in operation for the second time at Pine Bluff with about 100 graduate students in attendance. These students may qualify as candidates for master's degrees to be awarded by the University of Arkansas.

Some notable advances have been made in certain social and health agencies serving Negroes in Arkansas. A new building, modern in every respect, was put in operation at the McRae Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Alexander, increasing the number of beds to 479. This is a credit to its capable superintendent, Dr. High A. Browne. The board of the sanatorium is made up of Negroes and whites. A new building in Little Rock for the Negro Schools for the Blind and the Deaf, for which the 1947 legislature appropriated $200,000, was occupied early in 1949. This is a thoroughly modern facility, but high costs did not permit as extensive a building as originally planned. Only a limited number of children can be accommodated. About $9,000 was raised for a Florence Crittendon Home, Little Rock, to serve unwed Negro mothers and it is hoped that construction will begin this fall. In 1945 the state legislature made appropriations for the establishment of a Training School for delinquent Negro girls, but it was not until this past summer that such a school was put

into operation. The Fargo Agricultural School, a semi-private Negro school located at Fargo, was sold to the State for the Negro Girls Training School and funds were appropriated by the 1949 legislature for the operation of the school. The school has a board made up of whites and Negroes. The Negro Women's prison at the Cummins State Prison Farm has a new and modern building. For the first time in at least 30 years there are more whites than Negroes in the jurisdiction of the Arkansas State Prison Farms at Cummins and Tucker, the whites exceeding the Negroes by something over 100. About 25 per cent of Arkansas' population is Negro.

In June, 1949, the Urban League of Greater Little Rock made its first awards for outstanding contributions to better race relations and cited five leaders: Dr. Edwin A. Barron of the Little Rock School Board for his work in securing two new Negro schools; Joshua K. Shepherd, insurance executive, who did the preparatory work for the Negro Park bond issue; Harry S. Ashmore, executive editor of the Arkansas Gazette for "his editorial attitude toward the race problem"; Dr. J. M. Robinson, head of the Negro Democratic Association for "the promotion of Negro interest in voting," and J. R. Booker, Negro attorney, for his work on many inter-racial committees.

In 1948 Arkansas had a farm income of over one-half billion dollars, the highest farm income in its history. Cotton as usual was its chief crop, though rapid strides have been made in diversification. Mechanization is significantly on the up-grade and this will materially affect the status of Negroes. The first mass production of the light cotton picker was begun at Pine Bluff in the summer of 1949. Increasing mechanization in agriculture and advancing urbanization and industrialization are evident in the State. These indicate future far-reaching developments affecting whites and Negroes in Arkansas.

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November 1, 1949

Mr. J. L. Clark
Division of Social Science
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 26.

The material you offer to send sounds as though it would be most helpful. It is always difficult for us here in the regional office to keep as well posted as we would like on significant developments in Texas and the other more distant States.

We regret that it is not possible for you to attend the annual meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 1, 1949

Mr. D. R. Cumming, Jr.
51 Little Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey:

Dear Mr. Cumming:

Here are some of the people you ought to see when you come to Atlanta:

Mr. James A. Mackay, Attorney
Masonic Temple Building
Decatur phone CRescent 2638

Mr. Calvin Kytle, Associate Editor
The Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Citizens Fact-Finding Movement of Georgia
Forsyth Building, Atlanta phone WAlnut 9443

Miss Dixie Drake, Executive Secretary
Georgia League of Women Voters
175 Peachtree St., NE phone WAlnut 0219

Mr. Lyle Chubb
c/o Charles A. Rawson Associates
Whitehead Building phone WAlnut 3594

Mr. A. T. Walden, Attorney
Walden Building phone WAlnut 3536

There is some manuscript material which could probably be made available to you that would be very helpful.

Alexander Heard, who is now working on his doctorate at Columbia University,

would be a valuable person, if you could get into New York to see him. He is in the department of Political Science. While at University of Alabama he assisted in the preparation of the book recently published called Southern Politics.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 1, 1949

Mr. Edward L. Daugherty
20 Wendell Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Daugherty:

Many thanks for your letter and membership application.

I remember well our talk last summer and am glad that you feel the Council deserves your support.

Future mailings will be sent to your Cambridge address. Meanwhile, I enclose a couple of our latest things.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

November 1, 1949

Dear Dick:

Hi. What is Don's address? We have lost him.

Here is a post card to return to us.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

Judge Richard J. Foster
1317 East North Street Extension
Greenville, South Carolina

November 1, 1949

Mrs. F. Gaspard
Ville Platte
Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Gaspard:

We are sending separately the pamphlets requested in your letter of October 29.

Since "Songs of the South" is out of print, we are sending instead a copy of "Singers in the Dawn". I hope that is satisfactory.

"Understanding Our Neighbors" is also out of print. A refund of ten cents is accordingly enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 1, 1949

Bishop L. H. Hemingway
1535 - 14th Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bishop Hemingway:

I do hope you will find opportunity to give earnest consideration to our Council's suggestion that through or on behalf of your ministers you purchase a stock of the pamphlet, RACE IN THE NEWS.

You were kind to give me opportunity to explain it briefly when I was in Washington recently. It is really a magnificent opportunity for local churches to serve helpfully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Dr. George S. Mitchell regrets that he cannot attend the Opening of the Alfred Stieglitz Collection and the Florine Stettheimer Memorial Collection on November fourth at Fisk University, due to conflicting engagements.

November 1, 1949

November 2, 1949

Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

Enclosed is a copy of an article prepared by Dr. A. Stephen Stephan, of the University of Arkansas, for the forthcoming issue of New South. As you will see, it is a progress report on race relations in Arkansas during the past year.

It occurred to Dr. Stephan and to us that the article would be of some interest to the readers of the Arkansas Gazette. If so, please feel free to use it in any way you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

cc: Dr. A. Stephen Stephan

November 2, 1949

Mrs. Ernest L. Bennett
Stony Brook
Long Island, New York

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Mrs. Tilly is away on a long trip and our own secretary-treasurer is ill. So it falls to my lot to answer your kind letter of October 18 to Mrs. Tilly.

If you will look through the several pamphlets I send you with this letter, you will see what the Council is about. I commend particularly the item about the "Fellowship of the Concerned", which gives an account of the recent Southwide meeting of church women here in Atlanta, together with an action program.

Look also at the leaflet on the home town self-survey, and the pamphlet RACE IN THE NEWS.

The Council, and the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation which preceded it, have always in very large measure depended upon the women of the South, white and Negro, to accomplish the changes desired. And the women have shown, year after year in town after town, remarkable courage, determination, and success.

We would be delighted to have you as an associate member of the Southern Regional Council. You will find a blank on the back of the leaflet with the map.

If we can help you in any other way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 2, 1949

Mr. Lyn Keyes, Health Educator
Department of Public Health
Griffin and Spalding County
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Mr. Keyes:

We are happy to send you under separate cover a copy of the Home Town Self-Survey Manual. We are also sending you a copy of By The People, a brief popular report of the Jacksonville, Florida, self-survey, and the May 1949 issue of New South, which carries an account of the followup action in Jacksonville.

As you will see from the Manual and the Jacksonville story, much of the effectiveness of the self-survey technique comes from the fact that local citizens of both races plan and carry out the survey themselves, so that when recommendations are made, the entire community is conscious of the findings and is ready to act.

Our chief object is to help those smaller Southern cities, preferably under 30,000 is size, which do not have available the services of the many agencies found in larger places. Consequently, we have designed our Manual to be as flexible as possible, so that a town may survey as much or as little as it feels it can undertake.

We have been in correspondence with interested persons and groups in a good many towns and cities throughout the South, and thus far three of them -- Greenville, S. C., Madison, Ga., and Mobile, Ala., -- have actually begun surveys. We hope to see several others under way within the next few months.

In Greenville, S. C., a self-survey of the Negro community is now under way. The Greenville Committee, made up of members of both races, expects to finish its fact-finding and begin follow-up action by the first of the year. Mrs. C. C. Withington (12 Clarendon Avenue, Greenville, S. C.) is Chairman of the Survey Steering Committee. Mr. Harold J. Weekley is Executive Secretary of the Greenville Council of Social Agencies, which is sponsoring the survey. Both of them should be able

to give you the information you would like to have.

In Madison, Georgia, the Methodist Women's Society for Christian Service is sponsoring and conducting a self-survey of the entire community. This survey was presented at a southwide meeting of church women last September and attracted the attention of community leaders throughout the South. The Chairman of the survey there is Mrs. Lowry Hunt, Madison, Georgia. Enclosed are copies of several articles written by her for the local county weekly. Mrs. Hunt should be able to give you more detailed information about their progress.

Last spring the Council of Church Women in Mobile, Alabama, began a self-survey there. They were hoping to get it officially sponsored by the city itself. How much progress they have made we have not heard. For further details about this survey, we suggest that you write to Mrs. H. R. Cogburn, 2505 Springhill Avenue, Mobile 17, Alabama.

I hope that this is the information you wanted. If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

November 2, 1949

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, Director
Community Relations Bureau
Jewish Federation and Council
Room 425 - 20 West Ninth Street Bldg.
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

We are most grateful for your kind order for 15 copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. We are sending them separately, and the bill is enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 2, 1949

Mr. Arthur J. Levin, Director
Atlanta Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, SW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

We are all tremendously pleased by the joint memorandum by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League about RACE IN THE NEWS. It is extremely gratifying for the pamphlet to have that recommendation.

We have already had an order in this morning from the Jewish Federation of Kansas City, and another from the Anti-Defamation League of Boston -- New England Regional Office. We are sure these are attributable to the joint memorandum.

That is true kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

P.S. I am sending a couple of copies of this, and would be most grateful for your kindness in mailing them on to Mrs. Nathan and Mr. Parry.

G.S.M.

November 2, 1949

The Rev. Mr. John H. Marion, Jr.
Committee on Christian Relations
P. O. Box 5094
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

We lost for a time your letter of September 22 about RACE IN THE NEWS.

I send you with pleasure, though belated, a thousand copies of the flyer about RACE IN THE NEWS. You asked for 2,000, but we haven't got that many. You were going to be kind enough to put them in your next packet going to ministers and other key leaders.

Mrs. Tilly has undertaken to talk with Miss Annie Tait Jenkins about getting the pamphlet, and in particular "The Fellowship of the Concerned" idea, into fullest usefulness with the Committee on Woman's Work.

I hear you were in Atlanta lately. I should have found some way to get hold of you so that we could do some more planning together. Do let me know of your next trip hereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 2, 1949

Mr. C. Howard Meeker
Purchasing Agent and Clerk
Endicott Public Schools
1200 East Main Street
Endicott, New York

Dear Mr. Meeker:

While we look up what our files may disclose about your order of June 2 for 10 copies of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN, I am sending off ten copies to you at once. We will write you whatever may be needful as to the earlier order.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 2, 1949

Dr. Ralph Purcell
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Purcell:

Please accept our sincere apologies for not sending you earlier the enclosed leaflets with membership blanks attached. Copies of Race in the News have been sent, as you requested, to the persons listed in your letter of October 6; but, for some unaccountable reason, the second half of your request was overlooked.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the Council and promise to serve you more promptly in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

November 3, 1949

Miss Joan Burriss
Box 353
Belton, South Carolina

Dear Miss Burriss:

We are glad to send you a copy of Helen Bridgman's pamphlet.

Quite a good summary on housing is in the April 1948 issue of **The Woman's Press**. I send you on my only copy, and will be most grateful for your kindness in sending it back to me when you have finished using it.

The forthcoming issue of the Woman's Press will have a couple of articles on rural housing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The Piedmont Hotel holds a reservation in your name for arrival early Tuesday morning, November 8.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting of the Board of Directors at Atlanta University, beginning at 11 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, '49

Miss M. Ruth Grierson
Maryville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Grierson,

I discover to my dismay that because of sickness your kind letter of October 15, enclosing 6 cents in stamps for a copy of THE ATLANTA STATEMENT has gone unanswered.

Here is the copy of the Statement, in the green pamphlet on the origin of the SRC.

Your list must have been been ancient. We have hardly any of thethings you mentioned still in print. I send you a new list, with about everything, plus a dressed-up order blank for the most popular ones, plus a free copy of the bang-uppest one we have, called RACE IN THE NEWS.

Do need some of various ones for the Library. We are all admirers of Maryville College, and friends to several sturdy mountainy men who left there long ago!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 3, 1949

Mr. M. D. Hackman
Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
Board of Home Missions, Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

Mrs. McKoy has been ill. Wherefore it falls to my lot to express on behalf of the Council our very warmest appreciation for the check for $200.00 which you were so kind as to send October 17. should be $250.00

We have recorded this as the second quarterly payment of your appropriation to SRC for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1950.

The Council is doing more than ever before and having a harder time finding the money. We are the more grateful, therefore, for this steady backing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 3, 1949

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Jesse L. Hamby
Box 19
Wood Junior College
Mathiston, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hamby:

Some of our key people have been ill for the last ten days or so. That gives me some confusion on the subject of your kind letter, received October 17. You sent a check for $3.30 (which I hereby acknowledge the Council's receipt of) and asked us to send you the pamphlets on the list.

I do not doubt that you sent a checked list but, to our sorrow, we cannot find it.

I send another publications list, and ask for your great kindness in checking it through again.

It may be that the pamphlets ordered have already gone out to you, but I take the precaution of writing you in this wise to make certain.

If delay has brought you past the time when the pamphlets would be useful to you we would, of course, be willing to send you back your kind $3.30.

For a bonus, I send you a copy of our latest pamphlet, RACE IN THE NEWS, which I think you will like.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
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November 3, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear President Johnson:

Mrs. McKoy is away from the office because of illness. In her absence, I would like to thank you for forwarding the check from the Baptist General Convention for fifty dollars. We are pleased not only because of the sum itself, but because of the time and effort on your part which it reflects.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, 1949

Mrs. Thelma L. Keitlen
Community Consultant
Anti-Defamation League
172 Chestnut Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Keitlen:

We are grateful for your kind order for ten copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. We are sending them separately, and the bill is enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 3, 1949

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Your letter inquiring about the program for the annual membership meeting next Wednesday, November 9, has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence.

The morning session will be concerned mainly with "reports of progress" from the various states. President Paul Williams will speak, and Dr. Mitchell will present the proposed program for 1950. The afternoon will be devoted to discussion of the 1950 program and of finances. The meeting is scheduled to close at five o'clock, and there is no activity planned for the evening.

We all hope you will be successful in arranging things so you can attend.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

The Piedmont Hotel holds a reservation for you, and we are emphasizing your late arrival on November 7. We certainly hope you will not have the difficulties you did last year.

We are all glad you can come for the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

As you requested on October 26, we are making a reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel, for arrival at six pm on November 7.

Will Dr. Dorris and Mr. Baer accompany you? If so, it might be well to wire our office, so that we may arrange accommodations for them.

We all look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your room reservation, for arrival early November 7, has been made at the Piedmont Hotel.

We all await eagerly the word of reconciliation from the golden-voiced introducer of Mrs. Roosevelt.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Piedmont Hotel holds a reservation in your name for arrival early Tuesday morning, November 8.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting of the Board of Directors at Atlanta University, beginning at 11 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949

Miss Mary Ayscue, Manager
Baptist Book Store
121 West Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Ayscue:

I am so sorry about the mistake in handling your order No. RNC 5336. The 14 additional copies of RACE IN THE NEWS are going to you today. We are sending the bill for the total 15 copies to your central accounting office in Nashville, as you request.

We value your order and regret that our overworked and undernourished staff slipped up this time.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

You very kindly wrote us September 27 that at your annual conference November 15-18 you would try to ~~see~~how many copies of RACE IN THE NEWS could be placed in the hands of your delegates.

We are most anxious to get them out to your group.

Would you like me to send you a quantity? I would, of course, prefer to sell them outright to you, but I will be willing to send them on consignment, any unsold overplus to be mailed back to me.

It is a good pamphlet, as you know, and can greatly increase its usefulness by getting into the hands of your members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 4, 1949

AIR MAIL -- SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

After receiving your request for hotel reservations yesterday, we wired you as follows:

PIEDMONT HOTEL HOLDS SINGLE ROOM RESERVATION
FOR YOUR ARRIVAL MONDAY NIGHT.

Western Union has just notified us that the message is undelivered, since there has been no response to the messages left. We are hoping to reach you with this letter, therefore, before you leave for Atlanta.

We all look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

Also sent to: Dr. A. Stephen Stephan (Ark.)
Dr. Gordon Lovejoy (Fla.)
Miss Bethany Swearingen (Miss.)
Dr. Preston Valien (Tenn.)

Nov. 4, 1949

Miss Cassandra E. Maxwell
721 Russell, N. E.
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Miss Maxwell:

I am sending separately several copies of the October New South containing the annual progress report you were kind enough to prepare for us.

Rigorous space limitations made it necessary to reduce the length of all the articles -- a necessity which I very much regretted. I only hope the editing was not too clumsily done and that you will regard it charitably.

The belatedness of the issue is pretty well explained by the little note on the first page.

By the way, I greatly enjoyed reading the article on extra-legal violence which you did for the South Carolina Division.

With sincere thanks for your faithfulness,

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 4, 1949

Dr. N. C. Newbold
Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Newbold:

We are delighted that you can be here on Wednesday for the annual membership meeting.

Your reservation, for the day only of November 9, has been made at the Piedmont Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949

AIR MAIL

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Parrish:

Mrs. McKoy is away from the office because of illness, so I am acknowledging your letter of November 1, with its welcome $25.00 check covering your pledge.

We are all delighted that you are planning to attend the Board meeting November 8. I have notified Atlanta University of your arrival around three a.m., and they are asking the night watchman to be on the lookout for you. You should go to the woman's dormitory of Atlanta University, 50 Chestnut Street SW.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949

Mr. Ben Segal
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Segal:

The enclosed letter was dictated before Dr. Mitchell left the office for a Chicago trip. We are sending it on because of its discussion of the subject and other details, even though the date is being changed.

As I told you over the 'phone, I will check with Dr. Mitchell on his return Monday morning to see whether he can meet with your group on the evening of November 28. If he cannot, we will wire Mrs. Bernstein to let her know that the date will be December 5, as originally scheduled.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949
Dict. November 2

Mr. Ben Segal
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Segal:

This confirms our conversation by 'phone this morning. You wanted me to come to Lynchburg for a dinner meeting the evening of Monday, December 5, for your Religion and Labor group.

I assume I am to do some talking or discussing. My best speech is called "The Map of the South." It takes about forty minutes and goes into history, politics, and economics. It praises unions and industrialization and farm ownership and has some passages about civil rights. Otherwise, I could talk about a variety of useful action programs for today.

Here is a mat, and a few items of literature. I will bring up some more literature, hoping for some of it to be bought at ten cents and fifteen cents apiece by people who come.

The leaflet with the map has a fair description of the Council.

Rail and pullman fare to Lynchburg and back amounts to $45.53. My recollection is that there is a late-at-night train out of Lynchburg Monday night which would put me back into Atlanta the next day. I will expect to get up there sometime in the forenoon of Monday, and will let you know as soon as I am around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 4, 1949

air mail

Miss Mary Shadow
Decatur, Tennessee

Dear Miss Shadow:

In Dr. Mitchell's absence I am acknowledging your letter of November 2, 1949. We are delighted that you will be able to come to the meeting November 9.

Since we had reserved a block of rooms at the Piedmont Hotel, we are asking that they take care of you Tuesday night.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949

Mr. Henry Toy, Jr.
Executive Director
National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools
2 West 45th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Toy:

We are happy to send you, at the request of the Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, the enclosed copies of the October issue of New South.

All of the state reports included in this issue make some mention of Negro public education. The article on Mississippi, referred to by Mr. Schaeffer, begins on page nine.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

November 4, 1949

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 S. 6th Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Concerning the October issue of New South, a copy of which is enclosed, I feel we owe you an explanation and an apology.

While the notes you sent us were most helpful, we felt it unwise to try to prepare a full-blown annual report for Kentucky; for, at this distance, we would be likely to make errors of interpretation that would mislead our readers. What we had hoped to do, instead, was to prepare a general item-by-item summary of significant happenings in the States not covered by full reports.

Unfortunately, we soon found that this plan was not feasible, and since our time had run out we were forced to go ahead with the issue as you see it. So, in spite of your generous help, Kentucky went unrepresented.

It is comforting to us that the material you sent is already proving useful in a number of ways. For example, we have been able to draw on it in answering requests for information from newspaper men preparing stories on recent Southern developments.

Again, our sincere thanks for your faithfulness.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

11/5/49

GSM:

He called wanting to change the date to Nov. 28, Nov. 29, Dec. 12, or Dec. 13. The only clear date on your calendar was Nov. 28. I confirmed that tentatively - telling them you had to be somewhere else the next day. (That is Highlander.)

If Nov. 28, is <u>not</u> good, we are to wire Mrs. Joan Bernstein, TWUA, 1100 Church St., Lynchburg, early Monday morning, and they will go back to the Dec. 5 date. Want to send out publicity Monday.

Want to change date because key people will be out of town Dec. 5. But if you have to go ahead then, that will be all right.

met

November 4, 1949

Mr. Ben Segal
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

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Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Taylor

November 4, 1949
Dict. November 2

Mr. Ben Segal
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

MR. TOLIVER
TO BE SENT TO [redacted] NOVEMBER 11:

100 RACE IN THE NEWS
10 SINGERS IN THE DAWN
10 AMERICA'S TENTH MAN
50 YELLOW LEAFLETS
20 SELF SURVEY LEAFLETS
20 SRC: WHAT IS IT?

Mr. Frank A. Toliver, Principal
Stephens-Lee High School
Asheville, North Carolina

November 5, 1949

Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin
1010 Smithfield Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jarnagin:

All straight now, and thank you very much. I will get off the package about mid-November.

Many thanks indeed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 5, 1949

Mr. A. S. Reynolds
Stephens-Lee High School
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Raynolds:

Mrs. Jarnagin has written that she gave me your name in error as the school principal to whom the package of copies of RACE IN THE NEWS should be mailed. She now tells me that correctly they should be sent on to Mr. Tolliver.

They have not yet gone out from this office, and will duly be sent on to Mr. Tolliver, to whom I am writing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin

November 5, 1949

Mr. Frank A. Toliver, Principal
Stephens-Lee High School
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Toliver:

A couple of weeks ago I was in Raleigh and, in conversation with Mrs. Jarnagin, explained the possibility of getting circulation for this new little pamphlet when the PTA's meet in Asheville November 26 - 27.

Here are a couple of copies for you. You will already doubtless have seen some of the remarkable press and magazine notice the pamphlet has had. I am sure you will quickly see also its possibilities in the hands of local community leaders. A one-time committee going to see the local editor, little green book in hand, can accomplish miracles.

Mrs. Jarnagin said I should send you a hundred copies, soonish, to be held for the meeting. She will undertake the bother of selling them at the meeting. They cost fifteen cents apiece.

This, then, is some advance notice and a request for your kind cooperation when in mid-November we do send up the package.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin

November 5, 1949

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Your letter of November 3 reached the office today in the absence of both Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. McKoy.

We are glad that you are making arrangements to get here as quickly as possible after performing your duty as a citizen. The Piedmont Hotel is being notified of your arrival November 8, rather than the 7th.

Thank you for the welcome ten-dollar check.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

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WESTERN UNION

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

November 5, 1949

PAUL D. WILLIAMS

SPAULDING OUT OF TOWN AND UNAVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

(TELEPHONED -- 11/5/49)
met

November 7, 1949

Mrs. Joan Bernstein
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Bernstein:

This will confirm our telephone conversation today. The date for Dr. Mitchell's appearance before the Religion and Labor group in Lynchburg will be December 5, as originally discussed by him and Mr. Segal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

November 7, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mr. M. D. Hackman
Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
Board of Home Missions, Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

Our letter of November 3 thanking you for the second quarterly payment of your appropriation to the Southern Regional Council should have read $250.00, rather than $200.00.

We did receive the full $250.00.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

November 7, 1949

Mr. Floyd Hager
21 Carnegie Hall
Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hager:

The Southern Regional Council, with its membership drawn from both races and its program an educational, non-political one, does not fall within the scope of your subject. From the pamphlets enclosed in this letter, you will get a good idea of the kind of organization the Council is, what its aims are, and how it operates.

Your best source for the information you want should be the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (20 West 40th Street, New York City).

Also, if you have not done so already, you might check both the Negro Yearbook, 1947 edition (published by the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama) and Gunnar Myrdal's An American Dilemma. Both books will contain much useful information.

If we can be of help to you again in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

November 7, 1949

Miss Frances Hall
John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida

Dear Miss Hall:

I am sorry to say that we have no information on interracial churches in America. To the best of my knowledge, there is none in the South.

As your best source of information, I suggest that you write the following:

Mr. Benson Y. Landis, Associate Secretary
Dept. of Research and Education
Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 7, 1949

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson
Southern Field Director
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The writer of the enclosed letter asks for information that we do not have in this office. We would appreciate it if you could give her the information she wants or at least put her onto some likely leads.

We have written her that we have forwarded her letter on to you.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

November 7, 1949

Mrs. A. L. Anderson
145 Flora Avenue
Peoria, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

We are sorry to say that we have very little information on welfare work among Negroes in the South. We are forwarding your letter to Mr. Nelson C. Jackson, Southern Field Director of the National Urban League, and asking him to help you.

If we can ever help you again in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

November 10, 1949

Miss Margaret Armstrong
252 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Marg:

Some people that run some sort of Religion and Labor thing, white and colored, have asked me to come up and make a speech at them for a dinner meeting Monday, December 5, and I have promised to go. You are invited, along with anybody that would be interested.

I will get some of your company during the afternoon in one way or another, but it would be very nice if you found yourself free to turn up at their meeting. The man I am dealing with is Ben Segal, of the Textile Workers Union of America. His address is 1100 Church Street, Lynchburg (or P. O. Box 1039). The telephone number is 7-2789.

I told him I had a sister-in-law up there and he said by all means get her to come, and bring everybody she knows.

I am the one, you know, who gets the benefit of the blue nightie.

November 10, 1949

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
305 Bankers Security Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Billikopf:

Thank you so much for suggesting that a copy of that issue of New South be sent to Mr. Perlman.

I have done so.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 10, 1949

Mr. Edward F. Burrows
Box 144
Guilford College
North Carolina

Dear Ed:

That's going to be all right about being in your hands Friday night, November 25, and as much of Saturday morning as you want.

I assume the College or somebody will bed me Friday night.

I look forward to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 10, 1949

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I sure do appreciate that ten dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 10, '49

Mr. John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thank you for the order of November 7 for a copy of ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE NEGRO TO THE SOUTH. In that form the pamphlet is now out of print, but we had it completely rewritten, brought more nearly up-to-date, and reprinted last year (same author) under the title THE NEGRO IN OUR ECONOMY. Price 15 cents, as billed within. I do hope this will be satisfactory.

Please notice RACE IN THE NEWS, a copy of which I send free for your consideration. I don't know what the problem is in West Virginia in getting impartial newspaper attention to Negro matters, but you know what it is needed hereabouts. I am most anxious to get a follow-up by local one-time committees that will go to see editors, little green book in hand, and ask for editorial change! It has worked wonders already in a good many Southern towns. Any help you can give toward getting thepamphlet known and used in West Virginia will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 10, 1949

Mr. I. J. Domas
50 Chestnut Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Domas:

Thanks for telling me about the problems of your membership.

We have no record of your ever having joined the Southern Regional Council per se, and suppose that you have not. If you will be kind enough to join the Council, there is a blank on the back of this leaflet with the map.

Apparently you are a member of the Georgia Interracial Committe, which is in quasi-independent affiliation with the Southern Regional Council. You joined it in November, 1947, and probably paid its full dues, plus a dollar to cover subscription to New South. Your New South subscription would have run along in '48 and '49 without new dollars from you. As we find no stencil in our addressograph stack, we suppose that when copies were returned from the West Peachtree address, and when a tracer failed to turn up to our clerical staff your new address, your stencil was simply pulled.

You have several choices:

(a) Pay up your membership in the Georgia Interracial Commission for '48 and '49, plus a dollar for New South for each of those years. Georgia IRC's dues for two years amount to $6.00.

(b) Do that and also join the Southern Regional Council (omitting the extra dollar for New South, because membership in SRC will bring you New South.

I send with this the last three issues of New South.

Sorry this is so complicated. We hope someday to make it easier.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 10, 1949

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for your letter.

What I am in hopes you can do is figure out some way by which RACE IN THE NEWS will be purchased and made use of in many localities.

If you get any thoughts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 10, 1949

Mr. Philip B. Perlman
Solicitor General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perlman:

Mr. Jacob Billikopf at Philadelphia, who is a member of our Council, received a copy of the September issue of our magazine New South. He has written me and asked particularly that a copy be sent to you, your attention being drawn to the article called "Law and Discrimination."

I have the honor of complying with Mr. Billikopf's request.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

November 10, '49

Dr. John Q. Schisler
P.O. Box 871
Nashville, 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Schisler,

How kind that was of you to enter subscriptions for Dr. Marvin and Dr. Bucke. We will have them begin with the issue of October, 1949, and put in some back numbers for good measure.

Truth to tell, subscription to NEW SOUTH, as apart from mebership in the SRC, is only $1.50 a year. We are therefore returning $3.00 of your check, with our warm appreciation of your thoughtfulness in arranging the subscriptions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Enc. SRC check for $3.00

November 10, 1949

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Leslie Neighbors Webb
410 North Bragg Avenue
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

letter sent to:
Angebilt Hotel
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Webb:

Your letter of November 8, addressed to Mrs. McKoy, has reached the office while she is away on account of illness. She is improving, however, and I discussed your letter with her by telephone.

Mrs. McKoy expects to return to the office on Monday. She asked me to say that she would be happy to have lunch with you on Thursday, November 17, as you suggested. If necessary, she could be at your disposal on Wednesday evening, November 16.

Our telephones at the office are: WALNUT 1821 and WALNUT 7963. Perhaps you could call Mrs. McKoy when you reach Atlanta. She is looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

P.S. Mrs. McKoy's home telephone is VERNON 0916.

November 10, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here are three copies of the Reporter article, purloined from Harold Fleming. His supply is low, or we would send more.

Yours in firm resolution,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 11, 1949

Mr. Morroe Berger
American Jewish Congress
Commission on Law and Social Action
1834 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Berger:

I am glad to send you such information as we have about the bill introduced in the Georgia legislature which would bar foreign-born persons from holding elective office.

This bill, designated as Senate Resolution 23, was introduced in the Georgia senate on January 25, 1949. It was read once, then referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. There it remained for the duration of the 1949 session. Whether or not it will be reported out by the committee in the 1950 session, of course, remains to be seen.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 11, 1949

Mr. Robert K. Carr
Department of Government
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Carr:

The New York Times story of October 17 was based on the article beginning on page four of the September New South, a copy of which is enclosed.

Also enclosed, as of possible interest, are copies of New South for October 1948 and October 1949.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

November 11, 1949

Miss Hallie Farmer
or
Miss Betty Louise Screws
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Co-Chairmen:

Your speaker George Mitchell is going to arrive at the Birmingham airport at 8:45 a.m. CST on Monday, November 14. It would be very nice if somebody could meet me there. If nobody shows up, I will perforce take the first southbound bus, which is 10:00 a.m., putting me in Montevallo at 11:15, and hie me to Palmer Hall.

I will be there Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. No Miss Taylor. I've got a 9:30 a.m. engagement in Atlanta for Thursday, so I will have to take the night train out of Birmingham, which will mean my absence from the dormitory discussion Wednesday nightat 9:00 pm. I offer myself for anything extra earlier that day that may be needed.

I look forward greatly to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 11, 1949

Mrs. Ida Friday
School of Public Health
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. ~~Hill~~ Friday:

Mr. Lyn Keyes, Health Educator with the Griffin-Spalding County Health Department in Griffin, Georgia, has asked us to send you the Council's Manual on the Home Town Self-Survey. It is being sent to you separately.

You will see from the enclosed small leaflet, and from the introduction to the Manual, the kind of community survey we are interested in and what an effective technique it is for community improvement. You will probably be most interested in the sections on health and medical facilities.

We should be most interested in any comments or suggestions you might have about the Manual.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

November 11, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The meetings went tolerably, though we greatly missed you.

The Board authorized the present greatly reduced staff to be continued through January 31. The Executive Committee is to meet early in January and decide, on the basis of what resources may then be available, what course of action to pursue.

Meanwhile, this is to ask your kindness in approaching Mr. Alfred Starr for a sizeable contribution to the Council. We are told he could easily give us $5,000. I believe Mr. Byrd discussed him with you. Since that time my friend Mary Bruce Stoney, wife to George Stoney of Southern Educational Film Production Service, had occasion to be in Nashville, I believe at his invitation, for some showing of George Stoney's documentary films. Mary checked with us ahead of time as to what should be said to Mr. Starr about the Council's needs. Her opportunity was not of the best, but she did get some little opportunity to talk with him about the Council, and I believe left some literature with him. My recollection of a somewhat garbled message from her third-handedly to me was that he said to her that he would be happy to have information brought to him locally about the Council's work.

Mr. Byrd and I have thought that probably the best procedure would be for you and Mr. Peyton Williams to go and see Mr. Starr together. I am sending

a copy of this letter to Peyton Williams. I take the liberty of placing upon you responsibility for making arrangements both with Mr. Williams and with Mr. Starr.

I do hope that this will seem feasible to you. I have no doubt that your persuasion will accomplish what is needed.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: The Rev. Mr. Peyton Williams
Christ Church
Nashville, Tennessee

November 11, 1949

Mr. Lyn Keyes, Health Educator
Griffin-Spalding County Health Department
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Mr. Keyes:

We are delighted that you think the work and resources of your organization and the Council can be of mutual benefit. We shall be glad to work with you in any way we can. Perhaps the most helpful contribution you could make to the Council's work would be in arousing interest in a community survey in Griffin.

We have on our staff Mrs. Jane P. Simpson, who is trained in social and community relations and is available for consultation with communities requesting professional help with their self-surveys. The Council pays her salary, but we have to ask the survey committees in towns she visits to pay her travel and expenses.

We have a good newspaper man, Mr. Harold C. Fleming, who will be glad to advise with you about information and public relations activities. The Council, of course, also provides speakers and publications for interested local groups.

We have sent off the two copies of the Manual you ordered -- one to you, and the other to Mrs. Friday.

We remember your visit here a year or so ago with pleasure. Do come back and see us again the next time you are in Atlanta. Your interest in the Council and its work is appreciated by us all. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 11, 1949

Dear Mr. Raper:

Here is the Council's check for $94.86, to cover your travel expense to Atlanta this week.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

Mr. Arthur Raper
Route 2, Box 72
Vienna, Virginia

enclosure

November 11, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers
1416 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Here is a Council check for $64.00, for your travel expense this week. Our bookkeeper has "shaved it down" as you suggested. That was nice of you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 11, 1949

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
Bishop's Residence
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Waters:

Thank you warmly for your letter of November 4.

I have pondered a good deal, and concluded by calling just now and counseling with the Sister. Much as I would enjoy a great dinner and the company, I feel tugged at too by my own small family, from which I am absent so much. As I am to be serviceable directly only on the Friday, I am in hopes that it will be all right for me to arrive in Raleigh quite early Friday morning and report to your Residence at a few minutes before 9:00 A.M.

I do hope the Chancery will let me know if I have concluded unhelpfully. In that case, I can be as engaged in Raleigh for Thursday.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 12, 1949

Baptist Book Store
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

The package coming to you separately today represents a third attempt to correctly fill your order number RNC 5336 for 15 copies of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN.

The copies of RACE IN THE NEWS sent through error were received this morning. Thank you for returning them. We are omitting postage charges on the corrected invoice (which we are sending to Nashville) to compensate you for the mailing.

Again, my apologies.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 12, 1949

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

We appreciate your letter of November 10.

We are sending separately a few folders describing RACE IN THE NEWS and the Council's program. Even though you are not able to sell literature at your meeting, it will be helpful if these can be made available to your delegates.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 12, 1949

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Clement:

It has been a yearly source of pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of Atlanta University at the membership meetings of the Southern Regional Council. This is to acknowledge again our continuing debt of gratitude to you and to the University.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 13, '49

Sister Mary Reginald, O.P.
St. Mary's Dominican College Library
7300 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, La.

My dear Sister,

I have struggled a bit in trying to fill your kind order of November 7. It was possible to fit together a complete file of New South to date, though it stripped us dangerously of file copies here and there.

Many of the pamphlets you ordered are included as numbers of NEW SOUTH, and I haven't known whether to bill you for separate issues.

I put in a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS, which is our latest, currently doing a lot of good.

Bill attached.

I hope this is all right. If not, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 14, 1949

Mr. Theodore Freedman, Director
Raleigh Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League
226 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Ted:

Thanks for your letter of November 9.

I am to be in Raleigh Friday the 25th for Bishop Waters, and will try to get to see you. I have to go on to Greensboro that night to be at Guilford College.

It is all I can do to get people to pay my expenses for riding around making speeches. Only the very rich ever offer me extra money besides.

All kinds of luck to you in Raleigh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/k

November 14, 1948

Mrs. Lenna Hall, Librarian
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hall:

All the things you spoke of in your letter of November 3 I have tried to wrap up in a speech which I have been making pretty frequently hereabouts for the last several years. It draws a map of these southern states and shows what is in them and what's wrong and what to do.

I can't print the speech because the lines that I draw on the blackboard are in swoops which would not match the census figures. Until I can pin the swoops down, I can't print it.

So I haven't anything to give you, other than dry pamphlets. I send you several of these.

If your group will invite me down to Augusta sometime, I will be glad to come and shine my little light.

Our own Margaret Price Mullins was an aide in your library until fairly recently, so we feel kin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Mr. George R. Holland
1107 Pan American Bank Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Holland:

Sorry to be delayed by our annual meeting in getting an answer to your letter of November 2.

I send a pamphlet which may help some, not much. Every now and then I see a figure in the press somewhere. The last one I saw said, I think, six billion dollars a year we lose by not utilizing the skills of Negroes, but I can't guarantee the figure and I can't give the source.

To my mind the great loss is this. By denying exercise of topmost skills when achieved, we put a low ceiling on Negro ambition. If a man is capable of being a machinist but, because he is black, is held for all his life to the lower pay of a machinist's helper, he and his thousand friends are tempted to conclude that skill and ability do not earn their just reward. Therefore why learn skill? Many white people complain a lack of ambition among Negroes. The complaining whites seldom stop to think that this is one great explanation.

The unions do a good deal to open opportunity. If Negro members in a mixed union find that their deserving brothers are denied advancement, the Negro members can slack up in paying dues. See?

You might get something out of Black Workers and the New Unions, by

Cayton and Mitchell, which has a couple of chapters on Birmingham fifteen years ago in this regard. The matter is pretty prominent in Robert C. Weaver's book, Negro Labor: A National Problem (Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1946).

Any treatment of FEPC will argue the case. Ask Mike Ross. He ought to know. Success!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Mr. Albon L. Holsey
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Mr. Holsey:

Please forgive this delay in answering your letter of November 7. Our annual meeting took place last week, and we are only now getting over the rush.

It is most kind of you to help us get Race in the News before people who ought to know about it. We are grateful to you for that and for your continuing interest in the Council. You will be glad to know that Race in the News continues to show signs of effectiveness.

As for the matter of Mr. McGill's election to your Board of Trustees, I don't know whether I can offer any helpful ideas. Of course, that fact could be released in the ordinary way to the newsgathering agencies and the newspapers; but I doubt that it would get the kind of attention it should. Ideally, it seems to me, McGill's election should be pegged on some event that would make "live" news. You will know better than I what sort of event could be staged. Perhaps he could give an address to some gathering at the Institute; or perhaps he could be honored in some way by the Institute. This is quite vague and general, I know, but I am sure you will understand what I am getting at.

In any case, a special effort should be made to get the story on the Alabama state wire of the Associated Press, and, if possible, a release should be sent to every county weekly in the state. My effectiveness in publicity outside Atlanta is doubtful, but once you have made your plans, be sure to let me know if I can be of help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 14, 1949

Miss Eleanor N. Hutchens, Director
Alumnae Association
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Miss Hutchens:

I have been trying hard to think up the kind of person you need. The list of names is short and I am not altogether happy about any of them:

Estes Kefauver, House of Representatives
Hedding Carter, editor, Delta Democrat Times
Alfred Mynders, editor, Chattanooga Times

I am going to be at Agnes Scott this coming Thursday at noon to talk to Miss Smith's class. If you will arrange opportunity for me to meet with you then, maybe we could confer some more on people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Dorothy Mommser
Macedonia Co-op Community
Clarkesville, Georgia

Dear Dorothy Mommser:

I'm sorry to be so long in answering your letter about the proposed meeting on interracial conference locations. It came when we were in a fever of preparation for annual Board and membership meetings. I wanted to talk it over with George Mitchell, and couldn't catch him until yesterday.

When we talked about the meeting at Macedonia, I didn't realize that it would come after I have left Atlanta. This is a matter of deep interest to the Council, however, and I hope you will keep the others here informed.

I just tried to get in touch with Rosalie Oakes and Irene Harris and found they are both out of town. They are due back the 19th. I inquired about November 26 and found that Irene is supposed to be in Atlanta then. Since I am not to be here, it might be simpler to have the meeting in their office. Let us know what you think. George Mitchell will be out of town also on the 26th, but he says you are welcome to meet in this office, and perhaps some member of the staff could be here.

We would like to help in any way we can.

Hi to everybody.

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November 14, 1949

Mr. John Morris
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Morris:

Your welcome check for $25.00 has reached the office during Dr. Mitchell's absence. I know he will be glad to learn of this evidence of your interest when he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 14, 1949
Dict. November 12

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We have wondered some whether Mr. Johnson's SNPA includes most of the county weeklies. If so, then presumably they got RACE IN THE NEWS. If not, they haven't had it.

Can you easily find the approximate facts on this?

If the county weeklies by and large didn't get it, I could make up a project of our mailing it to all the county weeklies with a letter. Perhaps I could persuade somebody to float the project.

We were sorry not to have you the other day at the meeting. Things went well enough, considering our financial stringency. If we can get through the next few months, I think we will do all right.

We greatly enjoyed having Miss Shadow. I am only sorry that because the program was so crowded and she had to leave early, we got no opportunity to have her talk to the group. But I got acquainted with her, and thought her a particularly attractive person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Miss Mary Shadow
Decatur, Tennessee

Dear Miss Shadow:

We liked you, and hope you will come back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

P.S. Yes, we did! Are these your notes? Detective Mitchell thought so.

Elizabeth Taylor

November 14, 1949
Dict. November 12

Mr. Frank A. Toliver, Principal
Stephens-Lee High School
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Toliver:

I have sent off a bundle of pamphlets to you today.

I understand these are on consignment for sale by Mrs. Jarnagin at the meeting coming up in late November.

For your information, the following are the prices:

RACE IN THE NEWS	.15
SINGERS IN THE DAWN	.10
AMERICA'S TENTH MAN	.10

The others are free.

I shall be most grateful for your kindness in receiving these and making certain that they reach Mrs. Jarnagin and are displayed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin

November 14, 1949

Mr. W. E. Turner, Director
Division of Negro Education
State Department of Education
230 War Memorial Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you warmly for your letter of November 3.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association has its offices in Chattanooga. The director is Mr. Walter Johnson. At their request, we sent them 425 copies of RACE IN THE NEWS. I would suppose, therefore, that a good many county papers are among their members.

Except for such distribution as may have been achieved through the social action programs of several of the leading southern church denominations, I don't know of any direct distribution in Tennessee of RACE IN THE NEWS. I am most anxious for it to get out widely in the state, and should be grateful for whatever can be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Your letter with Mr. Tafel's $100.00 check cheers us all. No more long faces!

Dr. Mitchell is out of town until Thursday. I know he will be delighted to learn of your quick follow-up activities.

Your smile (and of course the tie) at the Board meeting were convincing enough, but this is the evidence of works added to faith.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Taylor

November 14, 1949

Miss Agnes L. Walker
Blue Ridge Sanatorium
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Walker:

Thanks a lot for the letter November 4.

Tell us where you light and we will send some books.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 14, 1949

Mrs. Herbert Weaver
Statesboro, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

I greatly appreciate your helpful letter of November 1. We have been very busy with the annual meeting, or I would have answered sooner.

I believe we did send out to you some copies of the flyer about RACE IN THE NEWS. We will get out letters to the individual secretaries, as you kindly suggested.

The little pamphlet is doing the biggest job of anything we have ever printed. In town after town I find Negro citizens in smiles about recent changes in the paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 15, 1949

Mr. John A. Clark, Jr.
Guilford College
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of November 8 about the North Carolina Student Legislature. We appreciate the invitation to have New South represented, but that will not be possible this year. However, we would be glad to have the story ~~of the story~~ of the assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

hcf/t

P. S. We are sending, under separate cover, some copies of a leaflet describing a few of our publications. Perhaps some of the legislators would be interested.

November 15, 1949

Clark Publishing Company
Charlotte, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Please send us a copy of Clark's Directory of Southern Textile Mills, with a bill to cover.

We would like to have the latest, small edition.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Byrd

tfb/t

November 15, 1949

Mr. J. W. Davidson, Principal
Pearsontown School
420 Pine Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davidson:

We have sent off to you today, under separate cover, the copy of the Home Town Self-Survey Manual which you requested. Perhaps you have discovered by this time that the twenty-five cents in stamps to cover the cost of the Manual were not enclosed in your letter. We would appreciate your sending it to us when you have the chance.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

November 15, 1949

Rev. Webb Garrison
P. O. Box 357
Emory University
Emory, Georgia

Dear Mr. Garrison:

We have been asked by Mr. William George to send you some of our materials. Enclosed are a few of our publications for your information.

The Council's aims come out clearly in the small leaflet entitled "Southern Regional Council" and also in the latest issue of New South which contains our annual "progress report" for the South. We should be pleased to have your suggestions and comments.

We should like very much to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council, and we should be greatly strengthened by your participation in the job we are trying to do.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:jps

November 15, 1949

Mrs. Edward P. Mulcahy
1836 Naldo Avenue
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mrs. Mulcahy:

I have a proposal about the manuscript.

The Council could give it some additional touches, prune it by five or six pages, and then mimeograph it. We could then send copies of it accompanied by letters to each of the educational journals which might conceivably have interest among their readers in it. We would ask the various journals to describe the article (in a brief description we would supply) and to list it as available from the Council at, say, ten cents a copy. That would cover postage, but not paper, stencils, and so on.

That seems to me to accomplish making the article available to interested people without the expense of printing it, at a time when we the Council simply haven't the money to print it.

Let me know if that is acceptable and if so we will proceed. If it is not, give us your advice.

I still think the article is quite good and should be got out to as many people as possible.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
cc: Mrs. Henry Havens

Harold Fleming

November 15, 1949

Dr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

We are very glad that you think the October New South a useful issue. Your own contribution was a valuable asset.

The cost of New South is five cents per copy, or $5.00 per 100 copies. I only wish we could afford to supply them free, particularly for such good purposes as yours.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 17, 1949

Mr. E. L. Abercrombie
Southern Director
Laundry Workers International Union
203 Spring Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abercrombie:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's Executive Committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

I enclose a list of the present Board members and of the fourteen persons elected the other day. Board membership is held for varying periods. The term to which you were elected expires in 1953.

I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
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November 17, 1949

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

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Executive Director

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November 17, 1949

Mr. A. T. Butler
1515 Harden Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Butler:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

President and Mrs. John T. Caldwell
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear the Caldwells:

I greatly appreciate your many kindnesses in the three most pleasant days at the College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

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I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Mr. James L. Coker
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coker:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 17, 1949

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

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I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

I spent the first three days of this week at Montevallo. On my way back through Birmingham yesterday evening I made my way up to your home, but found no one there, though that inviting living room did look currently lived in. I hadn't been able to reach you by 'phone for this or that difficulty at Montevallo. Haven't they changed your number from the one in the book?

I had wanted not only to have the pleasure of a brief visit with you, but to ask you in person to try very hard to add membership on our Board to the other things you do.

We sincerely want your advice.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
enclosure

November 17, 1949

Miss Viola Edwards
"Wenonah"
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Edwards:

You were mighty nice to look after me so efficiently and agreeably.

Very many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Mr. H. Manning Efferson
Acting President
The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Efferson:

In response to your letter of November 15, I hasten to get off a bundle of some of our more recent pamphlet material. I hope that this or that item of it can supply facts that will be useful.

We are particularly proud just now of RACE IN THE NEWS, a copy of which I sent with the others. It is having a visible effect in a great many southern towns on the handling of race matters in the regular newspapers. But we find nothing much happens with it until a local committee of citizen readers goes, little green book in hand, to see the local editors.

If the Council can help you, we are most anxious to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Miss Hallie Farmer
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Farmer:

I had no opportunity to tell you that my quasi-faculty visitors of Tuesday came again to the seminar on Wednesday, wearing the most praiseworthy and helpful manners -- truly.

I am delighted to have had the three days at Montevallo. I can see those girls are really getting educated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Mr. C. A. Gore
P. O. Box 312
Newnan, Georgia

Dear Albert:

That was most thoughtful and helpful of you to write me.

People from the Georgia Interracial Commission promptly called friends in Newnan. It is believed in the sheriff's office that the town of Newnan does not have a Klan, but that the cross-burning and so on represents individual and not organized action. The letter which the man received had an Alabama postmark.

There is no doubt that the man has been most unjustly dealt with, but we are told that he is now tolerably well fixed.

I also understand that the sheriff is making an honest investigation of the whole matter.

I don't know when I will be in Newnan, but when I am, I will come to see you and Mrs. Gore. And always come to see us when you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Dr. D. Swan Haworth
First Baptist Church
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Haworth:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Dr. Alonzo Moron, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear President Moron:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t
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November 17, 1949

Miss T. H. Napier
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Napier:

Don't forget, please, to send me the St. Andrew's catalogue.

I appreciate the chance to hear from you more about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Father Vincent O'Connell
Notre Dame Seminary
2901 South Carrollton Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father O'Connell:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 17, 1949

Dr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 - 3rd Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 17, 1949

Mr. Charles M. Smith
Hotel Martinique
1211 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 17, 1949

Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weekley:

We appreciate so much the help and cooperation you promised by telephone this morning in getting to us the material for a preliminary report on the Greenville self-survey. As I told you over the phone, the foundation which is financing a large part of our whole self-survey program has asked us for a report by December 1st, and we are anxious to include all the available information about Greenville.

Specifically, we need as much of the following information as you can give us:

1) Status of the survey at present -- progress made, which sections have been completed and approved, and what recommendations have been made.

2) Plans for follow-up action on the recommendations of the various committees.

3) Evidence of results of the survey which have already been felt in Greenville (such as the State Park for Negroes).

4) Evidence of community interest and support from both whites and Negroes -- volunteer participation, interest of civic groups, newspaper support, etc.

We would also appreciate your sending us a copy of the mimeographed report which gives the general background of the survey and lists the members of the Steering Committee and sub-committees. The various sub-committees' reports which you mentioned sending will be most useful.

I shall get in touch with you in the next week or so if we find we need

any further explanation of the information you send us. I am sorry that all of this came up on such short notice. You have been most helpful, and we really appreciate it.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in Greenville before too long.

Again, many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

November 17, 1949

Dr. Ralph D. Wellons, President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear President Wellons:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I am sorry that you feel you must resign from the Council Board after the turn of the year.

Everyone is grateful for your own honored career of action in this field.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

cc: Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mrs. Agnes McKoy

November 18, 1949

Mr. George Baldanzi, Director
Southern Organizing Drive
C I O
79½ Poplar Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Baldanzi:

Our Council has for some time felt the need of strengthening labor representation on its Board of Directors.

We were all delighted when, the other day at the annual meeting, the nominating committee brought in the name of Mr. Paul Christopher at Knoxville to be one of the 72-man Board of Directors of the Council, and he was duly elected. I do hope that notwithstanding the press of Tennessee activity, it will be possible for Mr. Christopher to accept a place on our Board. He won't be required to come to Atlanta but once a year (and we pay his travel expenses). We do really need his help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Mr. Louis E. Burnham
526 Masonic Temple Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
(Please forward)

Dear Mr. Burnham:

By reason of a change made in the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council at the November, 1949, meeting, members of the Board of Directors residing outside of the South lose membership on the Board.

We are grateful for your long interest in the Council, and hope that you will continue to lend us your advice and assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Mr. J. H. Calhoun
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

I do hope you and Dr. Penn concluded that it would be worthwhile for the Fraternity to get some copies of RACE IN THE NEWS and get them out to local chapters. Do let us know what happens.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Mr. John Harmon
2 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear John:

We all greatly enjoyed the good letter from you November 1. The pictures were a big help too. I am sorry I did not get to see so nice a family this past summer.

We limped through the annual meeting; still some $5,000 in the red. However, if we can keep on moving at all for another few months, I think we will come through pretty well.

Let us know when you move to Rochester so that we can keep you straight in our New South files.

I am offering to anybody ministerial my own notion of a sermon. Ten plagues of Egypt. A people in bondage appealed to divinity to get them loose. Plague-ily 'twas done. In this day we hereabouts keep a bondage of a sort. And they appeal to the divine in the world to set them loose. It is not given to us in this late age to have our signs as stark and dramatic as those of 4,000 years ago. But are we not confronted by ten plagues -- to wit, discourtesy, injustice, inhospitality, corruption, et cetera, et cetera. Then after the "now unto God" you should have a colored choir stand and sing "Go down Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land..." Five per cent commission to SRC!

Come back and be part of this family whenever you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Ira:

'Way last year at the time of election of Board members of the Council the nominating committee, perceiving that you were a resident in the good town of Haverford, brought in a substitute name to fill the supposed vacancy created by your moving to Pennsylvania. After the meeting I checked the by-laws, and the by-laws said nothing about a non-resident of the "Council area" being ineligible for the Board. There were a couple of other people in the same boat, so I withheld any action.

This year, at the annual meeting the other day, the membership changed the by-laws to make it plain that persons resident outside the South lose membership on the Board.

Solely on this account, I therefore notify you of the expiration of your term of service on the Board of the Council. We still think of you as part of the very staff and we shall always cherish your advice (and sympathy!), whichever side of the line you happen to be on.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Mr. G. D. Rogers, President
Central Life Insurance Company
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are grateful for your check for $7.50, in full payment for the fifty copies of RACE IN THE NEWS sent the Reverend Paul Wagnera.

We are all grateful also for your warm friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 18, 1949

Miss Mary Carolyn Schwab
608 Glenndale Avenue
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Miss Schwab:

Because of the rapid changes now taking place in the field of graduate education for Negroes, we have not attempted to get out a pamphlet on the subject. As you undoubtedly know, several cases are presently pending before the U. S. Supreme Court which could set important precedents. Also, the Regional Education Plan, just getting under way is the subject of legal action, and a final ruling will be needed before the role of the Plan in Negro graduate education can be clarified.

The enclosed copy of "The Condition of Our Rights" may be of some slight help. It contains a brief discussion of higher education for Negroes, beginning on page 25.

If you could drop by this office some time, we should be glad to try to help you further.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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November 19, '49

Mr. Sam Ewbanks
Executive Vice President
The American Newspaper Guild - C.I.O.
99 University Place
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ewbanks,

Ben Price handed us yesterday the Guild's check for a hundred dollars.

We are just as grateful for that as we can be. We are near the rocks, and a hundred extra dollars makes things a lot smoother. Besides our own special need just now, we are particularly glad to get this help from the Guild. Most of our usefulness depends on the cordial interest of newspaper people in what we do, and we are delighted to have this tangible evidence that the organizationx of the guys that do the work is interested, too.

RACE IN THE NEWS is moving well, and doing a lot of good. Everywhere I go people speak of changes they have noticed quite recently in the way their papers handle these matters!

In cordial appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 19, 1949

Miss Adelaide Gundlach, Registrar
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Gundlach:

We are so glad to know the straight facts about the degrees.

I have sent them on to Gordon Lovejoy at Miami. We will try not to be again the source of any summary that is thus inaccurate.

We are proud of Berea -- 'way back, here lately, right now, and for the future.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 19, 1949

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Professor of Human Relations
University of Miami
Miami (University Branch), Florida

Dear Gordon:

Here is a copy of an interesting letter from Miss Gundlach at Berea.

We will file the information in our archives.

Everybody thinks your article is very good indeed. I am mailing you twenty copies as a giftie.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

BEREA COLLEGE * BEREA * KENTUCKY

November 16, 1949

Mr. George S. Mitchell
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Dear Sir:

I have read with interest the October number of "New South", and particularly your article on "The Changing South: 1949". In the section under "Florida" you make the statement that "By awarding an honorary degree to Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, Rollins College at Winter Park became the first Southern white college to honor a Negro for achievement".

If we consider Berea College a "Southern white college" after 1904 when the state legislature passed the law prohibiting the two races from studying in the same school, Berea College may be cited as having awarded an honorary A.M. degree in 1907 and another in 1908 to Negro graduates. In 1932 Berea College honored Wallace Battle by awarding him a Litt.D. degree and in 1944 Berea College gave a citation of honor to John William Bate, a Negro graduate of Berea College who had founded a secondary school in nearby Danville.

I thought you would be interested to have these facts, even though they do not add anything to the picture of present progress.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Adelaide Gundlach
Registrar

AG:ma

November 21, 1949

Hon. Laurie C. Battle
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Miss Dorothy Lull

Dear Miss Lull:

We are happy to send you an additional copy of "Housing in the South".

Also enclosed is a complete list of our publications. If any of them would be useful to you, we shall be glad to have your order.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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Nov. 21, '49

Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter
National Trade and Professional School
Lincoln Heights,
Washington 19, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Carter,

Many thanks for the dollar you so kindly sent, to cover some copies of RACE IN THE NEWS and as a giftie.

Here are some other things, with a list of all we have.

Why don't you join the Southern Regional Council? Membership blank in the brown-map leaflet. We would liketo have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 21, '49

Mr. L. F. Coles,
2074 Madison Avenue
N. Y. 35, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Coles,

Many thanks for your kind letter of Nov. 19.

Here is a list of all our things. We will be delighted to fill your order, with speed. The one you asked about particularly is called The Negro in Our Economy.

Very truly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 21, 1949

Mr. M. S. Davage
Division of Educational Institutions
Board of Education of The Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Davage:

We are glad to cooperate in suggesting projects that might be promoted on Race Relations Sunday.

Enclosed is a sheet summarizing briefly four projects which we believe people of both races can work together on with fruitful results. Also enclosed are several pertinent pieces of literature.

We should very much like to receive your forthcoming mailing on this subject. If we can be of further help, please let us know.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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November 2; '49

Dear John,

The papers say you got out some mighty useful figures about income.

Can you send me a copy?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

I spent a couple of days at Montevallo last week. Everybody I saw praised you.

November 21, 1949

Mr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Here is the 50-word statement you requested for Race Relations Sunday:

> What can we do about race relations? Find out what is wrong in your own home town, and start clearing it up. What we all want is basic equality among Americans. The way to help it along is to see that people have jobs and farms and homes and schools and health.

We have worked out a program of suggested local action for use in connection with Race Relations Sunday. Here is a copy on the enclosed sheet. The attached packet has the free materials which we will send out along with the program itself. We would be grateful if you could find some way to mention it in your mailings for Race Relations Sunday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:jps

November 21, 1949

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter we have just received from a Jacksonville resident concerning jury service for Negro women in Florida.

The clipping she mentions stated that three women --two white and one Negro -- answered a Circuit Court call for jury duty for the first time in the history of Duval County, and that one of the white women jurors served as Foreman. Unfortunately, the clipping is undated.

We thought that you would like to have this information in order to bring your excellent Florida roundup up to date.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

Staff

Nov. 21, '49

Dear McNeill,

Somebody sent us a clipping about the good statement on race matters at the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

Can you send us a copy? I need it sooninsh, in getting up another pronouncement that the meeting of Federal Council people will be working at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Dir.

November 21, 1949

Rev. H. B. Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

We have recently had an inquiry about the Willie McGee case from the Methodist Federation for Social Action. They tell us that they have discussed the case with Mrs. Ratliff, who felt that the Council could help in obtaining clemency for McGee from Governor Wright.

At this distance, we know very little about the case as it now stands. The only information we have, except for some old clippings, is the fact sheet issued by the Civil Rights Congress in October. We would like very much to have whatever information you could send us about the case, and would also appreciate any suggestions you might have about what could be done. Has the Mississippi Division -- or any other group in Mississippi -- taken any action to persuade Governor Wright to stay McGee's execution? We will appreciate greatly whatever you can tell us.

One other request, if you will bear with us: the next New South is to contain a story on the Jefferson College incident. We were wondering if you had anything you could suggest or give us for that?

Many thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

cc: John Simpson
Norma Huff

November 21, 1949

Thr Rev. Mr. James P. Wesberry
Morningside Baptist Church
1344 North Highland Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wesberry:

This is final confirmation of the arrangements for the luncheon Tuesday, December 6, for Congressman Hays. This is the Tuesday Lunch Club. They will meet at 12:15 at the YWCA, 37 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

Unless otherwise instructed, the Tuesday Lunch Club will rely upon your good offices for getting Mr. Hays there. If you can be free to come to the luncheon yourself, you will be most cordially welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 21, 1949

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

We all missed you at the annual meeting, but were greatly helped by your good letter making the recommendations of the nominating committee.

We had to appoint substitute persons to bring in a report for the nominating committee. Caroline Gillespie of South Carolina, as substitute chairman, made the report. She brought in the names listed on the enclosed sheet, and the membership meeting elected all of them to the Board.

Everyone is grateful for the work done on getting these good selections.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Nov. 22

Dear Mr. Byrd,

Your wrote Nov. 19 asking for the check to be mailed to the Tutwiler. The letter was postmarked Nov. 21 (Monday) at 11 A.M. We got it this morning.

Not time to get it to the Tutwiler today, and I am to see you in Dothan tomorrow, so I'm bringing check with me.

Sincerely,

GSM

November 22, 1949

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell Street, NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PERSONS NOMINATED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

MEMBERSHIP

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 9, 1949

Dr. Glenn W. Rainey, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Alonzo Moron, Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

Mr. E. L. Abercrombie, Atlanta, Georgia

President Ralph D. Wellons, Pembroke, North Carolina

Mr. Morris Abram, Atlanta, Georgia

Father Vincent O'Connell, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Donald Comer, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. Charles Smith, Arlington, Virginia

Mr. Paul Christopher, 216 Flatiron Building, Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. James L. Coker, Hartsville, South Carolina

Mr. A. T. Butler, Columbia, South Carolina

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Alabama

Miss Cassandra Maxwell, Orangeburg, South Carolina

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 9, 1949

(by Carolyn Gillespie)

Class of 1953
Dr. Glenn W. Rainey
Dr. Alonzo Moron
E.L. Abercrombie
Miss Cassandra Maxwell

Class of 1952
Dr. D. Swan Haworth
R.D. Wellons
Morris Abram
Vincent O'Connell

Vacancies by by-laws changes (persons outside region not serving)
Donald Comer
Charles Smith
Paul Christopher

Ex-Officio Memberships
Mr. James L. Coker
A.T. Buhler
Rabbi Charles Mantinband

November 22, 1949

Mr. Charles S. McCoy
34 Shelton Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. McCoy:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your recent letter inquiring about specific social strategies for community action. From our experience in the field, we feel that action in a community sense must be planned and undertaken largely in terms of each particular community itself. The only generalizations we find it safe to make about specific social strategies in Southern communities are:

1) That any strategy, planned to get effective community action, must be in some way tied in with wide citizen participation. We have found a most useful device in the community self-survey, in which citizens of both races get together, take a good honest look at their town, and undertake to do something about the facts they have discovered. If you read the enclosed leaflet describing self-surveys, you will get a good idea of the kind of thing the Council has found effective.

2) That in any planning and action for community improvement, representatives of the whole community must be included - members of all races, nationalities, and religious groups must be represented in all stages. In this way, the action becomes, not only more effective in terms of community structure and influence, but also community undertaking on which all groups can work together -- as fellow citizens, concerned with common problems.

Two excellent sources for your study would be: Goodwin Watson's Action for Unity, and the volume written by Jess and Jean Ogden entitled These Things We Tried. The latter is a report on the work of the Extension Division of the University of Virginia in rural community action, and it would be well worth your time.

If there is anything further we can do to help, please let us know.

JPS

11/22/49

GSM :

I talked with Rosalie Oakes, as you suggested, about pushing RACE IN THE NEWS through her southern regional student YWCA office.

She will work particularly to get it distributed at conferences: she will have eight in the months ahead. I am giving her some copies, and some of the green slips about it. She will come up later to get others, as she needs them.

She will discuss this with Irene Harris, who works particularly with Negro colleges, and with Ed Driscoll, of the YMCA.

met

cc: staff

November 22, '49

Dear Mr. Popham,

Most newspaper stories break the heart of anyone deeply informed about what the story is about; so many things go in wrong. But yours in general, and this one of Sunday in particular, get the facts straight, order them duly, and touch each point deftly and fairly. And they got the headline just right, and so on.

It will help us enormously, and we are very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

November 22, '49

Miss Mary S. Quidor
Commitee on Woman's Work
Presbyterian Church U.S.
Henry Grady Bldg.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Quidor,

We are most grateful to Miss McGaughey, to you, and to the Committee on Woman's Work for the kind contribution of $25.00 to the Council. This steady help is greatly valued.

Please call on us during the year for any service we can do for your work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 22, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University
School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

On behalf of the Board, everyone's sincere thanks to you for taking on again this past year the job of chairman of the nominating committee of the Board. We appreciate also your steady attendance at the meetings.

I will recall that you have now done more than your duty in that capacity and shall propose that someone else get the job next year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

November 22, 1949

Miss Lavinia S. Wilson
Edward Waters College
Kings Road
Jacksonville 4, Florida

Dear Miss Wilson:

It was very kind of you to send us the information that Negro women are registering and serving on juries in Florida, or at least in Jacksonville. As you know, it is difficult for us to keep track of such local advances from this distance, and it helps a great deal when our members send us just such information.

We are sending a copy of your letter and the clipping to Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy of the University of Miami, as he will certainly wish to have this information also.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

PAUL D. WILLIAMS, RICHMOND
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JOHN H. WHEELER, DURHAM
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DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Southern Regional [illegible] C.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. [illegible] A

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

mailed to 10 people in Southern Rhodesia. List is attached to file copy.

November 22, 1949

Dear Sir:

This pamphlet has been remarkably successful in the southern USA in bringing to the attention of editors and other newspaper people the opportunity to improve race relations by a more careful treatment of news involving race.

I have the honor to send it to you, at the request of Mr. Rufus Greene.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 26, '49

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am happy to send you this formal notice that the Board of Directors of the Council at its meeting on November 9, on the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to membership on the Executive Committee of the Council.

We have all valued your steady helpfulness and wisdom in the work of the Council, and greatly hope that you can write me that you will accept the place on the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

November 28, 1949

Dr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

I have been trying to get a line on somebody to take up the sort of part time job with the Alabama Division that you described in your letter of November 19.

Unfortunately, Margaret Price is married to a Mr. Mullins and lives in Jersey City.

Mrs. Tilly tells me that a Mrs. L. S. Evins, 216 Princeton Street, Birmingham is a competent person who did some investigating in the Reecy-Taylor case and did it well. I don't suppose that Mrs. Evins is young any more, but I am told she is energetic.

Another good person is Mrs. T. C. Clark, Jr. Her husband runs student affairs for A.P.I. and her address is Box 1048, Auburn, Ala. She has one small child and a job that takes up two or three hours a day; has been a member of the Council for five years and likes us. The problem would be to unhook her from Auburn for long enough stretches.

You will be fairly apt to find somebody around Tuscaloosa. Universities attract informed unselfish people with a little leisure. I don't know where to start looking over there, but maybe there is somebody.

Ask Hallie Farmer. She ought to know the Montevallo graduates that might be available. You are after a good scheme and I wish you all sorts of luck.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

November 28, 1949

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

The Council has never got quite up to the point of making formal provision for student memberships. It is a touchy field which, of course, pays off richly in the long run but is very expensive to administer at any given time.

However, it does so happen that a good many of the state by-laws contain some provision for student membership. I think these by-laws are in conflict with the Council's by-laws and could be objected to but never are.

If the New Orleans Committee feels that it can supervise an arrangement for student memberships, I think every one will praise and assist, rather than hinder. So, go ahead.

What shall we do about New South? It costs a good two dollars a year for us to get it to people. Proposition: Student memberships of New Orleans Committee $1.50, of which some $1.00 stays with S.R.C. in Atlanta to "cover" cost of New South for one year, special student rate. $.50 returns to New Orleans Committee.

If you have a better idea, let me know. We will be agreeable to anything that will help the cause.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. Thanks a lot for all the membership checks, totalling by our figures $68.00. I have put the money in the bank and Mrs. McKoy (currently ill) will get all matters straight with you when she returns. We are working on the letters to go out.

November 28, 1949

Mrs. Fred G. Constance, Jr.
Chairman of Interracial Committee
Ohio Council of Church Women
441 Barker Street
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Constance:

I don't know what makes people like George Armstrong, Sr. History has something to do with it, in about the same degree that it would be fair to say that History made the Nazis.

One difficulty is that Southerners are misinformed about our own History. If we knew the truth, we would be fairer.

Our Council tries to help get the truth known. Do join us if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Mr. James T. Crown
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Crown:

Mr. Tilford Dudley has written that it will be all right for you to see the papers I have here on P.A.C. though I should want a veto power on your use of the material.

Let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Mr. Tilford E. Dudley
CIC Political Action Committee
1346 Connecticut Aveneu, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Thanks a lot for your letter of November 22. I have written Mr. Crown that it will be all right for him to come and look over the material provided he gives me veto power on use of it. I think that is a wise decision.

I do wish you would join our Council. Membership blank is in the back of the leaflet with the brown map.

We are tax exempt and so are non-political; but we are much interested in improving the quantity of the voting in the South for all concerned. I put in a copy of our best pamphlet on that matter. Look, also, at the green one Race in the News, which has done a dickens of a lot of good.

We have about thirty-five hundred members scattered over all the Southern states. We have state organizations in all states except Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Miss Hallie Farmer, Faculty Chairman
Religious Emphasis Week
Alabama College
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Miss Farmer:

Thanks a lot for writing your nice letter. I had a good time. The thing I most enjoyed was the sincerity of the girls.

Let me know if I can ever help the college.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

white copy

November 28, 1949

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

your letter of November 23. Thanks a lot for

exact knowledge of the Gardner foundation matter. It is good to have
You were a good egg to make such an earnest effort to
get something from them.

our feet but suppose we will survive. We are still dragging

nothing to do with SRC. Mr. G. L. Weaver has

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Mr. Philip S. Ogilvie
The Catholic Committee of the South
7927-A St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mr. Ogilvie:

Quite the other way around; many thanks for every one's kindness in permitting me to sit with the Executive Board of CCS in Atlanta. I wanted the opportunity to see those good friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Mrs. Elizabeth Olmsted
606 Ribault Ave.
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Olmsted:

We are grateful for your letter of November 20.

Here is a folder about the Council with a blank toward the back.

Mr. Herbert Davidson of Daytona Beach is one of our active supporters.

We will be delighted to have you help in the Daytona Beach area.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Professor Paul E. Pfuetze
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pfuetze:

Thank you for your card. I am buttoned up tight from now until the twelfth. I am afraid that means not getting to Athens until next term. Let me know when you will want me then, and I will lay aside the day.

We are terribly short on staff (being low on funds) and between triple office work and making speeches I had engaged to make, I am run ragged.

I like to do your class and look forward to next term and spring term.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Reverend McNeill Poteat
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear McNeill:

Baptist Headquarters sent straight on through the copy of the statement. I can see that it is somewhat less vigorous but still good.

Everything moves fairly fast, I think.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Miss Martha M. Rowan
Y-Teen Director
Young Women's Christian Association
First Streets and Franklin Road
Roanoke 16, Virginia

Dear Miss Rowan:

How I thank you for your letter.

Anybody whatever who wants the South to behave itself is very welcome as a member of our Southern Regional Council.

I send some of our newest and briefest leaflets about the Council and some membership blanks. I send also a couple of copies of earlier leaflets to give you more information.

We print a lot of useful things listed in the thing called "The Changing South in Print!"

We would be happy to have you and anybody else that will come join with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 28, 1949

Mrs. Preston Thomas
247 Biltmore Ave.
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

I thought, perhaps, you would be interested in joining the Council. It doesn't cost but three dollars a year and it does a considerable amount of good.

Since I had the pleasure of talking with you last June, we have been sending the Council's various publications. Anyway, consider and see if you would like to become a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Dr. J. A. Bacoats
Benedict College
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Bacoats:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for five dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Mr. Albert D. Betts
Travelers Rest, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Betts:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for five dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Tennessee Director
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

Do come ahead and sit on our Board. We need you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Miss Elizabeth H. Davidson
Coker College
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Miss Davidson:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for ten dollars through Miss Minehan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Mr. H. A. DeCosta
93 Spring St.
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. DeCosta:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for ten dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Miss Josephine Pinckney
36 Chalmers Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Miss Pinckney:

We are deeply grateful for your kind check for one hundred dollars which Miss Minahan sent on to us today.

The Council is certain to have funds before long, but, meanwhile, we are in real straits.

We are eternally grateful for South Carolina's coming so gallantly to our rescue.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Miss Julia R. Reynolds
302 West Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Miss Reynolds:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for ten dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Mrs. Jane Guignard Thompson
Guignard Brick Works
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for five dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 29, 1949

Mr. Samuel Want
Darlington, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Want:

The The Council's very warmest thanks for your kindness in sending your check for five dollars through Miss Minahan.

As Mr. Dabbs wrote you, we are particularly hard pressed just now. What you and the other South Carolina friends are giving will make a major contribution to the continued work of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 30, 1949

Mr. W. W. Blackburn
President of State Teachers Association
1328 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

It was very kind of you to give me a little time to explain the work of the Southern Regional Council in your office some days ago. I assure you it was highly appreciated. It is our hope that your association may make as generous a contribution as possible to the Southern Regional Council of 1950 or earlier if if it can be arranged. This, we would like, not only for and because of our present need of money, but also because we want to get every teacher in Mississippi familiar with the work of the Council. We feel that our work in behalf of better schools, better facilities, and better salaries for Negro teachers has brought fine results. This, of course, has not been as I explained to you, any spectacular work, but has been done more or less behind the scenes and in various ways. Nevertheless, the results speak for themselves.

Under separate cover, I am sending you some literature and copies of New South. If you desire anything else or any other information, please feel free to call on us.

Hoping to have favorable action from your group in our behalf, I remain

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

November 30, 1949

Dr. H. H. Humes
1531 Alexander Street
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Humes:

I was indeed glad to have the opportunity to talk with you about the Southern Regional Council in your home last week. The Council will certainly appreciate anything your State Convention does for us. Of course, we would prefer to have you put us in the budget, if that is possible; however, we are prescribing any methods by which church groups may contribute to our cause. I do think that if you could succeed in organizing a race relations Sunday in your churches and could get the ministers to present it properly, it would bring in a substantial amount of money. We would be glad to get up some basic bacts which they might use, if you so desire. The larger churches, no doubt, would be interested in this kind of thing, if that is the way you and your committee want to do it.

You will be interested to know that we appeared before the Alabama State Convention, over which your national president Dr. Jemison presided. Dr. Mitchell was with me and presented our cause in about a twenty minutes talk which was very well received. They agreed to put us in their budget, and they also took up a collection and turned it over to us at the meeting for which we will give them credit on whatever amount they put in the budget.

It is my hope that we might get an average from the State Conventions of $500.00 during 1950. Of course, there are a few of the smaller state conventions which would not be able to do that well, but some, no doubt, could do better. If your executive committee could do that well, it surely would help to set a standard by which others might measure their gifts.

I saw Dr. Morris and he is going to bring it before his executive committee. I am sorry, indeed, that Idid not get to see Mr. Carter, but will write to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

November 30, 1949

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I wish to thank you for your fine cooperation with me while I was in Jackson. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written Dr. Schaeffer which, of course, is self-explanatory.

It strikes me that we might have a very good possibility of getting a sizeable sum from Mr. Sidney Redmond, that is, of course, if he is at all interested in do ng anything in memory of his father.

I talked to Dr. Mitchell and also to Mr. Fleming, our publicity directory. They think that it certainly would be appropriate for us to get out a special edition memorializing Mr. Redmond, telling something about his struggles, success, etc., and that we could state in the regular issues of New South that its publication was made possible through the generous donation of Sidney Redmond and his family in memory of his father. So, we would have no trouble along that line. The Cost of getting out New South is five to six thousand dollars a year and we would like to have the assurance of three years and preferably five which, of course, would not be too large an expenditure of money for the Redmond family.

I hope you are able to give him the literature which I left with you, and if you have any reactions or comments, which he made, I shall be glad to have you pass them on to me. Other procedure with the Redmonds and reports of the state you will find in Dr. Schaeffer's letter. Please feel free to make any suggestions or send any additional names at anytime, and if you come to Atlanta, be sure to visit us.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

November 30, 1949

Dr. Duke McCall, Secretary
Southern Baptist Executive Committee
Baptist Headquarters
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. McCall:

Some weeks ago at the suggestion of Dr. Louie D. Newton and others, I stopped to see you and Dr. Merrell Moore in Nashville concerning the work of the Southern Regional Council. I had a conference with Dr. Moore who introduced me to your secretary with whom I talked at length about the work of our Council. No doubt, you are familiar with it also.

The work of our Council is chiefly in race relations in which we think we have done a very fine job over the past years. The Board of Directors is made up from leading men and women of both races, located in the South. We have been supported for some time by the Rosenwald Fund, which, of course, is now exhausted; and we are looking for other sources of support. It is my hope that the Southern Baptist Executive Committee might make us a substantial contribution for the coming year.

We are in the process of calling on all of the major denominations and asking for funds from their denominational treasurers. Some have indicated their willingness to do so. Others, of course, are considering and, I feel, will respond generously at the proper time. The Methodist Church has given us a substantial amount each year and it is my opinion this may be increased. The Southern Presbyterians have been giving us some money and have indicated they will include us in their budget. Your denomination being by far the largest we hope will help us at this time.

Dr. Hugh Brimm, head of your Social Service Commission, is thoroughly familiar with our work and has cooperated with us; and, of course, our services are at the disposal of him and all the other denominations in the South. At the suggestion of Dr. Newton and Dr. Moore, I went to Louisville to talk with him and Dr. Weatherspoon, Chairman of the Commission. Dr. Brimm, I found, was in the West, but I did have a talk with Dr. Weatherspoon. As we understand it, Dr. Weatherspoon will discuss it with his committee and if they approved would bring it before your Executive Committeeat your next meeting. I wrote Dr. Brimm but have not heard from him as yet.

You will be interested to know that I have been in touch with Dr. Jemison, head of the National Baptist Convention, and attended his state meeting in Alabama last week. At his suggestion, I have contacted about eight or ten of the Negro State

Conventions and have found a great interest in the Southern Regional Council because of the work it has done for Negroes. They are going to either put us in their budgets for a substantial amount or set up a race relations Sunday and take a collection direct from their churches. I am very much pleased at their attitude and interest. I expect to also contact the other state convention presidents and committees in the South in the very near future.

If your committee wishes me or some one else from the Southern Regional Council to be present and answer questions or present the matter at your committee meeting, we will be very happy to do so.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

P. S. You, perhaps, remember me from the Russian War Relief, when Southern Baptists sent over five thousand dollars worth of kits to Russia. I met you I am sure at a number of the executive committee meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

November 29, 1949

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia 5, S. C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

Like that man in the Bible that asked his friend Lazarus to dip his finger in the chold water, so was your letter and its fat bundle of checks...not a finger drop but a whole bucket full of the finest cold water. We are eternally grateful to you and the whole South Carolina Division and to all the nice people who sent those checks.

I have written each of them a letter to say "thank you."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

November 30, 1949

Dr. M. M. Morris
216 North Edison Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Morris:

I was very glad of the opportunity to call on you a few days ago and talk over with you some phases of the Southern Regional Council's work. It is our sincere wish that your executive committee may see fit to put the Southern Regional Council in their budget for the coming year, if that is the way they desire it. Any other method which your committee chooses to follow, of course, is perfectly fine with us. The action which your convention took and which you explained to me no doubt will give your committee a lot of leaway which other conventions do not have. I have been suggesting to a number of them that they might organize a race relations Sunday at which time the ministers of your various churches might talk about race relations and specially present the cause of the Southern Regional Council.

We feel that the work which the Council has done merits generous support of all churches and church members. Not only do we need the money to enlarge its usefulness, but also we need to have every church member familiar with the work of the Council. Of course, this could be done at a race relations Sunday set apart for that particular purpose. We would be glad to get up some basic information and send to you which you might pass on to your churches especially the larger ones, if you so desire.

I believe at this particular time the whole South needs the work being done by our Council and, therefore, we feel free to ask for support from Southern churches and other groups. Hoping to hear of favorable action from your committee and wishing to be of further service to you, I remain

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

November 30, 1949

Dr. S. A. Owen
761 Walker Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Owen:

It was nice of you to give some of your time to me last week to discuss the work of the Southern Regional Council, and I greatly appreciate your interest and willingness to cooperate with us for the coming year.

It is hoped that your executive committee will feel moved to put us in your state budget for as large an amount as possible or to handle it in any way you might see fit in order to get the best results. Various states are doing it in different ways.

In suggesting the race relations Sunday if you should desire to carry on one throughtout your churches, not only are we interested in getting the money, but also to get the work of the Council before the membership. Your various ministers no doubt could promote it successfully especially with the larger churches. If you should want to do this, we could send you some basic facts about the organization which you might pass on to your ministers for their consideration.

You will be glad to know that Dr. Mitchell and I both appeared before the Alabama State Convention and Dr. Jemison gave us a good portion of the time to explain the work of the Council. It was received with great enthusiasm, and they are putting us in their budget for next year. They also took a collection for a substantial amount of money at the meeting. It is my hope that we may be able to get an average of five hundred dollars each from each convention in the Southern states. Of course, this may be a little high for some of the small ones, but some of the larger ones should do better. At this particular time, I think you will agree with me that the work of our Council should be greatly enlarged and should be made known to every church member in our our churches. We think it is just as necessary for people to know about us as it is to give us money. Hoping that your executive committee will take favorable action in our behalf and wishyou success, I remain

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

November 30, 1949

Dr.H. Brent Schaeffer
525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Schaeffer:

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you the other day in Jackson and to see your fine church.

I am sorry I did not have more time to spend in Mississippi, but was able to contact Mrs. Lyells of your committee, also Mr. W. W. Blackburn, Secretary to the State Teachers Association. Some others, I found, were out.

I went to Greenville to see Mr. Carter but found he was in Louisiana for a few days, and was able to call on Dr. H. H. Humes, President of the largest Negro Babtist Association in the state and also saw Dr. M. M. Morris, President of the next largest Baptist Association in Mississippi.

Mrs. Lyells was very much interested in the program and was anxious that the Committee do some work in your state. Following your suggestion about the Redmond family, I discussed it with her at length. Sidney Redmond, as you know, is the attorney who took his father's place and is very devoted to the memory of his father, is now having a book published about his father. Mrs. Lyells thinks that the Redmond estate is from five to six hundred thousand dollars and has not been divided among the children.

I talked with her about the possibility of getting the Redmond family to finance the publishing of New South over a period of three to five years, which would be five to six thousand dollars a year. The Southern Regional Council might get up an issue or a supplement issue telling of the life and works of Mr. Redmond. We would also carry some announcement or block in each issue, stating that the publishing of New South was made possible by Sidney Redmond and others of his family through a gift from his father's estate, etc. Mrs. Lyells thinks this might appeal to him.

The first approach to this, perhaps, would be to get some literature into Sidney Redmond's hands. This I gave to Mrs. Lyells and told her to stop by and give it to him with a request that he read it. The next step, I think, will be to get

into his hands a few copies of New South, and I am sending to you, under separate cover, three or four sample issues, which I hope you may be able sometime to incidentally get to him with the simple request that he look them over, without saying anything whatsoever about money.

I am writing to a number of prominent Negro business men, some of them on our Board, asking them if they knew Mr. Redmond personally. If so, I am going to ask them to write Sidney Redmond a letter stating their interest in the Southern Regional Council and what it is doing. After this has been done, we will then, perhaps, have some other material put into his hands by some one;and by that time, I think, we might be ready to ask him for money. But, I know you will agree with me, that at this stage of our procedure, he is not to be asked for money by any one.

Mrs. Lyells was of the opinion that people on our Mississippi list who are mostly, of course, in Jackson were not sufficiently informed about the Southern Regional Council to warrant a solicitation of money at this particular time. I think we will begin to send them some literature and try and get them interested, keeping in mind that sometime later your committee may be able to call on them.

Rev. H. H. Humes and Rev. M. M. Morris both of Greenville agreed to bring the Southern Regional Council to the attention of their executive committees and are willing to ask that we be included in their annual budget. Mr. W. W. Blackburn is also discussing our problem with his State Teachers Association and hopes that they may make a contribution to our cause.

This is, somewhat in short, the report I have to make from Mississippi. Sorry I did not have more time to spend and could not see a larger number of people, but I know that the Southern Regional Council is on your heart; and, as soon as your church is finished, you will have some time to devote to the Council.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:wgd

December 1, 1949

Miss Helen Bullard
c/o Charles A. Rawson & Associates
Whitehead Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Bullard:

How nice it was of you to send us the clipping from the Augusta Chronicle. I had not known before that they carried the good AP story.

Do let us have a visit soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

That was very kind, indeed, of you to send us the group of clippings. Several of them, we had not seen before.

We appreciate the Times-Dispatch carrying the AP story.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

By all means, do go to Clearwater as you outlined in your letter of November 30. The Council will pay your travel and expenses and will be most grateful for it. Indeed, we ought and will also two days of salary.

We are having hard sledding, but we are still moving.

I want to write you at length and keep you up to date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mrs. W. T. Mason
The Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
909 Maypole Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Mason:

I greatly appreciate the invitation to be in Norfolk for the meeting January 10 and am most happy to accept.

Let me know later on when and where you will want me. I would expect to come on the Seaboard's "Silver Comet" which I think gets me in at eleven or so in the morning.

You were very kind to send the check for ten dollars, which is mighty helpful to us.

I remember my visit before and enjoyed that good company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM;wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. Dewey Parr, Jr.
Lancaster, S. C.

Dear Mr. Parr:

Since ours is not a religious organization, we have little information on the rural churches in America.

I suggest that you write the following person. He should be able to give you all the information you need.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, Executive Secretary
Committee on Town and Country
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

We missed you at the annual meeting but appreciate your letter of the other day.

Here are some new leaflets that may be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

December 1, 1949

Mr. William H. Morgan
Appalachian State Teachers College
Boone, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you for your kind letter with news of the Weatherfords too.

I send a pamphlet with some description of the Council and a membership blank in the back. We would greatly like to have you join us. We are open to anybody who agrees with us in general and wish anxiously to increase our membership.

We now have a brand new state division in North Carolina. The former North Carolina Interracial Commission a few weeks ago converted itself into the North Carolina Division of the Council. So, a half of your dues will go back to Raleigh for use in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

December 1, 1949

Mr. Willard Johnson
General Secretary
United States Committee for a
United Nations Genocide Convention
381 Fourth Avenue, Suite 1501
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are sorry the Council will be unable to have a representative at the hearing on the Genocide Convention.

We wish every success to the movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. W. L. Nunn, Director
University Relations
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Dear Bill:

Thanks a lot for news of Broadus, also for the book which came two or three days ago. I am most anxious to read it and will see what I can do to get it better known in this part of the world.

By return, I send you a copy of our latest pamphlet Race in the News which is doing quite a lot of good in changing the way the southern papers handle Negro news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. W. B. Stubbs, Executive Director
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
718-719 Mortgage Guarantee Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Here is some account of the Council's work this year on the home town self-surveys.

We think a useful program is under way, and expect that during next year a rewarding number of other towns will have taken it up.

We are most grateful for the aid which makes possible this program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

December 1, 1949

Verona Calendar Co.
Haskell, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Please send to us as soon as possible one calendar pad refill. I enclose sheet torn for 1949 calendar to insure your sending correct style. I enclose sixty cents in coin to cover cost of the 1950 refill.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. R. Dawkins
Secretary

December 1, 1949

Mr. James Crown
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Crown:

Thanks a lot for your letter.

We will look for you in February, or whenever you can get here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1603 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

I want to add my warmest thanks to Mr. Byrd's for your own kindness and for that of the Convention as a whole in letting me have the opportunity to appear. And, how generous that was of all of you to find the cash amount that sent us home in such good cheer.

I do hope you can arrange now to put the Council in the budget for the good round sum that will mean so much to us. We are at the peak of our usefulness thus far, and duly helped, can go on to quicken the pace of change greatly.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Miss Carol Hobbs
#304 1628 Columbia Rd. N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Miss Hobbs:

The good old farm security gets around. Larry Hewes fixed up Japan; Pete Hudgens fixed up Venezuela; and you fix up Mexico. I am mighty glad you had the trip.

Next time stop in Atlanta and come to see the Southern Regional Council.

Please spread my cordial regards to anybody that still remembers that I love everybody that is left.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. Irving Dilliard
Editor of Editorial Page
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Dilliard

We were most gratified to see the use that you made of the October issue of New South. It was an excellent editing job.

There is one slight error in your introductory note that I might call attention to. The development of regional education is not one of our functions, but that of another organization in Atlanta, The Board of Control for Southern Regional Education (formerly the Regional Council on Education). Because of the similarity of names, we are occasionally confused.

Anytime our Council can be of service to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 1, 1949

Mr. Ben Segal
Educational Director
Textile Workers Union of America
1112 Church Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Brother Segal:

Thank you for your letter of November 29.

I will take the over night train this coming Sunday from Atlanta and will arrive in Lynchburg quite early Monday Morning. I will go up to my sister-in-law's home at 150 Norfolk Avenue, Phone: 2-5328, and get some more sleep.

My plan would be to show up at your office about two p.m. Monday, but if you wish me earlier, callas above.

A Southbound train that I should take is the "Crescent", leaving Lynchburg at 10:20 p.m. I suppose I won't run into difficulties catching it, but would fit my program to your needs.

Railway ticket and berth both ways costs a total of $45.43. Add $3.00 for meals, tips, and taxis, and the total amount will be $48.43.

I greatly look forward to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 1, 1949

Miss Margaret Armstrong
250 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Marg:

I expect to be knocking on your door by 7:30 or 8:00 this coming Monday Morning, December 5.

I will be taking the 10:20 p.m. southbound train that same night so my only need is a napping place Monday Morning. I look forward to seeing you. As far as I know, I am free for the late afternoon, and we ought to get together. The thing I have to talk to is a dinner meeting that starts at 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Frank A. Cleaver, Assistant Director
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Cleaver:

We are most grateful to you and Mr. Weekley for the generous help you gave us with the Greenville part of our self-survey report. The information you gave us was indispensable, and we appreciate the time and effort that it must have taken.

We would like very much to receive the rest of the Greenville Survey reports as they are approved and released. I shall keep in touch with you, as I want to visit Greenville for more information a little later on when all the survey reports are finished.

Morris Abram tells us that he did not speak from a prepared manuscript when he addressed the South Carolina Conference of Social Work last month, so unfortunately there is no copy of his speech available. He did say that if he does have a chance to put the speech in writing, he will give us a copy, and if so, we certainly will see that you receive one.

Give my best to Mr. Weekley.

And thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

December 2, 1949

Mrs. George E. Davis
Community Missions Chairman
Woman's Missionary Union
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Davis

We have sent you under separate cover the two copies of the Manual for the Home Town Self-Sufvey which you requested. You will see that it is flexibly planned to cover as much or as little as a community wishes to undertake. The key to the proved success of this kind of survey is that citizens themselves, rather than outside experts, carry out the survey and are responsible for getting results.

You might be interested to know that Miss Cassandra Maxwell, lawyer and former law librarian at State College, Orangeburg, has also written us for information about the self-survey. She is hoping to organize one in Orangeburg. Perhaps you might be interested in talking with her about the possibilities of such a project.

We are enclosing a leaflet which briefly describes the self-survey and the services which the Council can provide to groups making surveys.

If we can be of help in any other way, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 2, 1949

Mr. Chat Paterson
Committee for the National Health
Kellogg Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chat:

I have been talking with Les. We are both as happy as we can be about the new strength of AVC.

The Council, with the folding up of the Rosenwald fund has been in serious straits. Thinly supported as it is, it is doing more good in this situation than anything else on the scene. I know you like it.

Do you think you could contrive to put me in touch with Mrs. Blaine? I would be glad to send you or any one you say whatever would be helpful in the way of literature or audits, etc. The main thing is for you to give us your backing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Dr. Will W. Alexander
RFD New Hope Farm
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

It comes to me that Marshall Field bailed out to the American Council on Race Relations. Surely if that is to be helped, this is to be helped too.

Could you not get that across to your friends in Chicago?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park, South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Here are two recent clippings from the New York Times which state pretty well what we have been doing and our need for funds.

You were most generous to us no longer ago than last Spring. It may be uniquely presuming to write to you again to see if you could help us through this very difficult period just now.

We are certain of substantial sums ahead, but for the rest of this year, I am having a tough scramble to keep even a reduced staff going. I will be glad to send you as much as might be helpful in the way of financial reports, program reports, or whatever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

December 2, 1949

Mrs. Alice H. Lewis
Managing Editor
The Woman's Press
600 Lexington Ave.
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Thanks a lot for printing the rural housing articlet, and for the copy. I am only too happy to have had the screed see print.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Frank McCallister
c/o Roosevelt College
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Frank:

I want to try to be of the company that is getting help from Mrs. Blaine. Could you begin to make the Council's use and needs known?

I would come up, of course, on any chance of talking with her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. F. Rivers Barnwell
1328 Louisiana
Fort Worth 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

How did you come out on the literature from the Council at the Texas Social Welfare Meeting November 16-19? We will be hoping for an express package full of ten centses or, tentatively, whatever check the proceeds would amount to.

My apologies for not answering promptly your kind invitation for me to be present and speak at the Waco Meeting. The card came just at the time of our Annual Meeting and it got snowed under, though I had the invitation well in my mind. I have hoped straight along to go, but I concluded yesterday that we simply did not have the hundred dollars it would take to get me there and back. A most reluctant conclusion.

Every good wish for a successful meeting. I hope next year that the Council can take full advantage of the loyal friendship of the Texas Commission.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. E. R. Embree
Hotel Madison
15 East 58th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Embree:

I was pleased with the account in one of the local papers the other day of the new scholarship program of the Whitney Foundation. I know how important it is to replace the earlier program that did such a great job in that field. I will be most happy for New South to carry whatever sort of announcement the John Hay Whitney Foundation may wish to be publicized. You will have a problem right at first in getting the new opportunity known, and I think we could do something to help with that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Howell V. Williams, Dean
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Dean Williams:

Thank you warmly for your letter of November 28 about the plans for the Police Training Institute.

I have read it with care and praise. I had opportunity also to see the longer project plan as sent up to some of the foundations. At Mr. Parrish's request, I wrote the Carnegie people and said that our Council here wished strongly to endorse the Louisville proposal. Mr. Dollard has since written me very kindly and in a way that indicated also that the Carnegie people saw important possibilities in the plan.

We will try to to carry a little note about the work done thus far, in some early issue of New South.

Our Council has long wanted to find funds to engage a pair of persons who, as laymen, could become completely familiar with the police and police court systems of the South, with the ultimate object of steering very large parts of southern police forces to just such a training course as you will be setting up. I have not found the money, but I am anxious to get into the business of building local public opinion that would shoot policemen to you. Contrariwise, do you know anybody that will help me do that?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Miss Joan Burriss
Box 353
Belton, South Carolina

Dear Miss Burriss:

Are you through with the April 1948 issue of The Woman's Press?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

December 2, 1949

Mr. W. L. Greene
115½ Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

What did you figure out about Race in the News?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin
1010 Smithfield Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jarnagin:

How did you come out with the sale of literature at the Asheville Meeting?

We are grateful for whatever your efforts were and will be hopeful of proceeds.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Dr. Louis Wirth
Committee on Education, Training
and Research in Race Relations
The University of Chicago
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Dr. Wirth:

We shall be most happy to have an exchange arrangement with the Inventory of Research in Racial and Cultural Relations.

You may expect to begin receiving New South with the next issue, scheduled to appear in December.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 2, 1949

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
Bishop's Residence
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Waters:

I had a mighty nice time in Raleigh and am most grateful for the opportunity to be with you and that fine company of priests.

It was kind also to have the specially arranged ride over to Greensboro, which I reached in ample time.

Your generous check afforded a good deal of overplus to go into our Council's till as lecture fee.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Edward F. Burrows
Box 144
Guilford College
Guilford, N. C.

Dear Ed:

They sent me down a check for $25.00, for which I am very grateful.

Guilford people are very nice and I am grateful to you and to the Milners and to every one who made my visit so pleasant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Fred de Eady
Box 9
Pineland, South Carolina

Dear Mr. de Eady:

Thanks a lot for your useful fifteen cents. Do come ahead and join the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Donald Comer
Chairman of Board
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

I greatly appreciate your letter of November 29.

We are most happy to have you and will be respectful of your wishes.

I do hope there can be a time in the near future when I can sit down and talk with you. I would greatly like to have your judgement on many matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Evening News
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I am late in telling you just how much we liked and appreciated the editorial of November 11 which you were kind enough to send up.

The main pleasure of this job is the friendships it gives us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Information and Publications Service
U. S. Office of Education
Federal Security Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Do you have available figures on the proportions of graduates, by race, of Southern colleges and universities who leave the South for their careers? We would appreciate very much your sending us what information you have on this subject.

If such information is not available in your agency, we would be grateful for any suggestions you might be able to make concerning other possible sources.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 2, 1949

Dr. Harry Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

Mrs. McKoy has been ill and is still not back at her desk. We should no longer put off writing the Council's deep appreciation for your most generous contribution of fifty dollars at the time of the Annual Meeting.

I know the sincere helpfulness that accompanied that check.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 2, 1949

Director of Information
Farmer's Home Administration
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The December 1949 issue of a maggie called The Woman's Press, put out by the National Board of the YWCA, 600 Lexington Ave., N.Y., has a good article by Louise Stanley, BHE, on Rural Housing, and a punk one by me. Both praise the Honorable the Farmers Home Administration.

I haven't got but one copy, so can't send it to you, but if one of the young ladies there in the info. office will call up Louise Stanley I 'spect she'll let you look at her copy.

Best wishes,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 5, 1949

Mr. Don Belding, Executive Director
Freedoms Foundation, Inc.
Valley Forge, Pa.

Dear Mr. Belding:

I have carefully saved from the June 2, 1949 New York Times the clipping about Freedoms Foundation.

I submit as a competitor for notice this pamphlet. We printed it about three months ago. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association promptly sent out copies to every daily in the South. Time and Newsweek both gave it good mention. In my travels about the South, I have seen and heard much evidence of Negro citizens that the pamphlet has made quite a substantial dent in the lives of leading Southern papers. In a great many communities, citizen readers have visited the editor, little green book in hand, and have asked for greater conformity by the paper to the rules laid down in the book, and practically always sharp improvement has come.

The whole matter has made no fuss. Nobody has been angered, but, in town after town, day after day, when colored people open the paper they are now finding cause for pride and trust in the fairness of American civilization.

Suggestion: Send out somebody to find out for himself what the little book has done.

As to our Council, I could send you reams. Mr. E. R. Embree of the John Hay Whitney Foundation, Rockefeller Center, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City has followed our history intimately and could tell you as much as you might wish to know about us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

Executive Director

December 5, 1949

Miss Mary S. Allan
43 South Battery
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Miss Allan:

For the information you request, we are indebted to Dr. McFall of your city. It is possible that you know of his survey and have the results, but I send them along. So far as we know, this is the most comprehensive information available on hospital facilities for Negroes in South Carolina.

As for using the material in print, may I suggest that you ask Dr. McFall's permission. Since the Southern Regional Council obtained, through his courtesy, I should not feel free to authorize its publication without his knowledge.

If we can be of further help, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

December 5, 1949

Mr. Perry Howard
IBPOE
1813 Vernon Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I don't suppose Mr. Wilson has got back into harness as yet.

In any case, I write you to see if the Elks would not be interested in getting widespread distribution of this pamphlet Race in the News .

It has been out now two or three months and has already been remarkably useful in changing the way the papers are handling things.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association sent it out a couple of months ago to all the dailies in the South.

We have been trying variously to get local follow up one time citizen committees to go and see the editors, carrying the little green book with them. We know that the resulting conversations produced sharp change for the better.

The task now is to get more such committes in more towns. If the IBPOE would buy five hundred or a thousand and get them out to local lodge members, all kinds of good would result.

Mr. Spaulding of the North Carolina Mutual bought a thousand. Bishop Wright of the A.M.E. Church here bought five hundred. Various other church and educational bodies have distributed it in their own spheres in this way in large blocks.

I do wish you would bring the matter to a decision and see if the Elks could help us and themselves and everybody by buying a thousand or so for this use. It costs fifteen cents a copy.

Sincerely,

GSM:vrd

December 5, 1949

Mr. J. P. Barbour, Editor
National Baptist Voice
Chester, Georgia

Dear Mr. Barbour:

Recently, at the meeting of the Alabama State Convention in Dothan, I had the opportunity to talk with a representative of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. My interest was this little pamphlet, Race in the News.

We have had it in print now about three months. Various church, educational and business organizations have bought the pamphlet in quite large blocks for distribution.

The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association sent it out a couple of months ago to all the dailies in the South. We have been trying variously to get local follow up one time citizen committees to go and see the editors, carrying the little green book with them. We know that the resulting conversations produced sharp change for the better.

Several of the Methodist groups have taken large numbers. The Southern Baptist Convention is distributing fifty to their various denominational papers through their Social Service Commission in Louisville. The Southern Presbyterians are doing the same thing.

My request is that you do what you think f feasible in the way of urging ministers and lay people throughout your group to get some copies of the pamphlet and go and call on the local editor. I know that remarkable improvement can happen right away.

If we can get the thing known and acted on in towns straight across the South, it will, within a years time, bring about a situation in which the newspapers are examples of fairness rathern than of prejudice.

I would appreciate your kindness in writing me as to what you think it may be possible for you to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Dr. O. B. Taylor, M.D.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Taylor:

In conversation the other day with Paul Christopher, he told me something of your own public spiritedness.

We would like to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. Here is a leaflet that tells about us with a membership blank toward the back.

I do hope you will think we are worthy of your interest and membership.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
The Delta Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I found out lately that the S.N.P.A. does not include the county weeklies. S.N.P.A. sent out 425 copies of Race in the News, but hardly any of them can have reached county weeklies.

I figure there are roughly twelve hundred county weeklies in the southern states, exclusive of West Texas and Oklahoma.

I would dearly like to get Race in the News into the hands of those weeklies,(You will remember that the last chapter of the pamphlet relates to weeklies) but the Council simply has not got the money to send them out. However, I have found somebody in Atlanta who will be able to pay the postage which amounts to some $36.00. The pamphlet costs me, in bulk, about five cents each, and the clerical cost of mailing out 1200 of them is considerable. It would take another hundred dollars besides postage for me to get them out with a mimeographed letter to the county weeklies. I have the lists of these county weeklies.

Query: Could you send us one hundred dollars to let us do this job? If you know a better way for us to get them out, tell us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Notice in the New York Times for December 1, a letter on the editorial page from Edwin R. Embree. He takes Bernard Baruch's gift for physical medicine, praises it, then hopes it won't confirm the Nation's blindness to needs of "Heroic support of (1) the Social sciences (2) the development of human relations so that the promise of democracy may be fully realized and so that we in America may be prepared for our role of leader of the peoples of the world.

I thought this quite material to whatever arrangements you are making with Mr. Baruch.

I think you take the times so am not sending you our one copy of the letter, but would do so if need be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Mr. J. M. Frost
a/c Frost, Read & Simons
21 Broad Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Frost:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Miss Katherine Edwards
14 Woodville Ave., Overbrook
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Miss Edwards:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 5, 1949

Mr. J. E. Blanton
RFD 1 - Box 99
Cordova
Orangeburg County
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Blanton:

That was very kind of you to send us so promptly the findings of Dr. McFall's survey. I am returning a copy, as you requested.

The information is invaluable to us, and we are grateful for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

December 5, 1949

Mrs. Josie G. Hazel, Executive Secretary
Y.W.C.A. State College
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Hazel:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for three dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

6 December 1949

Mr. James R. O'Rourke, Librarian
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

For information on the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, we suggest that you write to:

Mr. James Dombrowski, Director
Southern Conference Education Fund
808 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

The Southern Conference Education Fund is the educational arm of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and as such has continued autonomously since the Southern Conference for Human Welfare went out of existence over a year ago. Mr. Dombrowski should be able to give you the material you need on the work of the Southern Conference.

If we can be of help to you in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 6, 1949

Mr. Douglass Cater
The Reporter
220 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Doug:

Here is some info on the Southern School for Workers which Dr. Mitchell obligingly supplied in a quick memo. Hope it gives you what you need.

As for story ideas, I think you could pick up material for several good pieces in a few days down here. I still think Regional Education needs a good, thoughtful write-up. I don't know what MacMillan has sent you as the result of his Biloxi trip, but I hope it wasn't the stereotyped black-and-white treatment. The Board of Control for Southern Regional Education has come along amazingly on the matter of race, and one is justified in hoping that it will come along even further. John Ivey and his staff are doing a good job under tremendous difficulties. The Board, I think, performed quite creditably in the business of the Baltimore suit. In short, whatever you think of regional education, it is one of the most dramatic stories in the South right now and needs treatment that will go deeper than the stock NAACP approach. Then, there are the implications for education in the rest of the country, for the pattern is spreading to other regions.

Should you tackle such a story, your itinerary would be quite simple. In a couple of days in Atlanta, you could talk with Ivey and his staff, as well as other informed people; you could also see how the plan is working at Emory, which is a cooperating institution. You could do the same at Tuskegee, which is conveniently located.

I'm not sure it would be rewarding to tackle Herman & Co. just now. Things are fermenting in anticipation of the forthcoming 1950 Legislature and the gubernatorial campaign. Of course, you might want to do a piece on the ferment, in which case rich stores of material are ready at hand here in Atlanta. Ferment includes

Such issues as the voters reregistration bill, Herman's dubious eligibility to succeed himself, and the attempt to extend the county unit system into the general election (God save us!). I'm sure the people of the nation are uninformed about these complicated chicaneries — but then so are the people of Georgia.

The Klan is, as always, suitable meat for a story. You probably would want to peg your piece on the rising anti-Klan sentiment. No trouble about getting plenty of material.

There's a bang-up story to be done on equal-schools suits. One pending in Irwin County, Ga., is really stirring things up. Similar activity in Atlanta and other Georgia counties. The angle is that this is an acute dilemma mushrooming all over the South. Our region is having educational convulsions.

These are the best leads I can give you. All of them may sound offensively racial to you. Actually, they needn't be. Any one of them can be interpreted in the broader terms of what's happening to the South politically and economically. If you need more detailed information on these or other subjects, send me a hasty SOS and I'll try to oblige.

The "Negro Citizen" issue was mighty good. We're glad to have had a part in publicizing it.

Hope to see you soon.

All the best,

Harold C. Fleming

6 December 1949

Mr. F. P. Champion
165½ Pine Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Champion:

In response to your request for information on medical conditions in the rural South, we are sending you separately two of our publications which should be helpful -- WANTED: A HEALTHY SOUTH, which deals with health conditions generally, and the May 1948 issue of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH, which contains an article on hospitals needs and facilities.

A small pamphlet recently issued by the Committee on Research in Medical Economics (1790 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y.) should be very useful to you. You should be able to get a copy by writing the committee and asking for a copy of "How A National Health Program Would Serve the South".

If we can be of help to you again, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 6, 1949

Mr. J. H. Daves
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Daves:

I saw Paul Christopher the other day at Highlander Folk School. In discussing various people in Tennessee, he mentioned that you have a new Baptist minister in Knoxville named James. Paul said he is a particularly good guy. If you would be kind enough to send me the Rev. James' name and address, I would like to write him and see if he could be interested in becoming a member of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mrs. T. N. Davis
207 Harrison Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

We are delighted to have you as a new member of the Council. Your dues of three dollars will pay you up for twelve months from December 1, 1949.

I am sending the last several issues of New South as a bonus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

December 6, 1949

Miss Katharine Lackey, Director
Lynchburg Area University Center
619 Church Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Lackey:

We are delighted to have you as a new member of the Council. Your dues of three dollars will pay you up for twelve months from December 1, 1949.

I am sending the last several issues of New South as a bonus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mr. Ben Segal
Educational Director
Textile Workers Union of America
1112 Church Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Brother Segal:

I had a great time and am most grateful to you and all the others for working it out. Many thanks too for the cash money.

Including the five dollars from Boyd Peyton and what you handed me at the close of the meeting, the total received was $49.50.

My total expenses for the trip itemized below was $48.53

Railway fare and pullmans	$45.43
Taxicabs	1.80
Bus fare	.45
Tips	.85
Total	$48.53

I herewith return one dollar making the items of income and expense approximately equal.

My cordial appreciation to Miss Rumbaugh, her Mother, and the many others who were so helpful, and particularly thanks to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mr. Sheldon J. Karlan
Dean's Office
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Karlan:

I am sending separately a complimentary copy of "Race in the News" and listings of our other available publications. We should be glad to have your order for any that might be helpful to you.

Several Southern schools of journalism are using "Race in the News" as a textual aid in their courses. We should be happy to add the University of Missouri to that list.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 6, 1949

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Y. M. C. A.
Butler Street Branch
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am most grateful for your kindness the other day in giving me the $1.20 collected for sale of copies of Race in the News at the recent meeting.

It was kind as could be of you and others to do this personal kindness for us, and I am most appreciative.

You also told me to bill you for the remaining 52 copies, bill herewith enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

December 6, 1949

Miss Margaret Armstrong
250 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Marg:

Very many thanks indeed for early rising, freshly made bed, fine breakfast, long slumber, and good company. I include Brandy in all these thanks and am only sorry that her un-CIO day kept her from seeing me in the afternoon.

I thought the meeting went pretty well but don't know what the newspapers will have to say on the subject.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mr. Cary White
Department of Sociology
Randolph-Macon College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Cary:

Sorry we missed connections on this trip but I remain at your service at a later one.

Meanwhile, here are some leaflets to tell you and your gals what fine things we print.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gillam
232 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear The Gillams:

You were as kind as could be to give me such a nice luncheon. I appreciate the food and the company.

It was a real pleasure to have that chance to get to know you well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Miss Edith Stokely
Community Missions Director
Woman's Missionary Union
1111 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Miss Stokely:

We are not sure whether you are interested in migratory labor or migration from the South. On the off-chance that it is the former, I am sending separately a report of the Federal Interagency Committee on Migrant Labor published in 1947. That is the most recent piece of material we have on that subject.

If it is out-of-South migration in which you are interested, let us know what information you need and we shall try to supply it. We have no publications on the subject, but do have some between-census estimates which might be helpful.

I enclose a list of our available publications. Any time we can be of service, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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December 6, 1949

Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
N. C. Commission on Interracial Cooperation
P. O. Box 1208
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Cy:

Many thanks for the proposed letter.

I suggest a few changes in the middle paragraph to make it read as follows:

....to become the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council. This means that the Atlanta office will perform the service of collecting membership dues. Half of the sums so collected will come back to our own Treasurer. We hope you will continue to give your support to the organization.

I am mailing you the leaflets and the membership blanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Miss Ruth L. Bartholomew
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Miss Bartholomew:

I am indeed sorry that you did not receive copies of NEW SOUTH addressed to you last year. Our mailing lists are handled with a return postage guarantee, and we assume that any copies not returned to this office are being promptly delivered. However, if you will drop us a line - in advance if possible - if your address should change again, your magazine will continue to reach you promptly.

Thank you very much for your check. I am sending you under separate cover a packet of last year's NEW SOUTH.

The Warren A. Candler Library is not on our mailing lists. A subscription to our Publications Service ($2.50 yearly) would entitle the library to receive NEW SOUTH as well as other materials distributed during the year. A subscription to NEW SOUTH alone is $1.50.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:cac

December 6, 1949

Mr. J. W. Seabrook
State Teachers College
Fayetteville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Seabrook:

Our Secretary-Treasurer has been ill for a good many weeks and we are, therefore, sadly delayed in getting you a formal reply to the note you sent in November 2 carrying your resignation from the Board.

We are most sorry to lose you as a Board Member but shall continue to think of you as among the best of our friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Miss Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Dorothy:

I am full of appreciation for your long and complete letter as also for the very helpful $25.00.

I am asking Mrs. Simpson to write you about the survey.

In general, I think your plans are most wise, but she will talk details.

I will let Mr. Abram's wife know of your praise of his speech. He is a most able person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 6, 1949

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College for Indians
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

The enclosed slip is not a statement of delinquent dues. Rather, it is a receipt to acknowledge your payment, and tell you the period the payment covers.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carole Curry
Membership Clerk

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December 7, 1949

Mrs. Morris Abram
1414 East Rock Springs Court, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Abram:

Here is a paragraph from a letter I got today from the professor of sociology at Winthrop, an old friend of mine named Dorothy Jones.

"During the S. C. Conference of Social Work I had the pleasure of attending the morning session of the Southern Regional Council meeting. It was far and away the most excellent section of the Conference, in my opinion. The speaker, M . Morris Abram, a lawyer from Atlanta, was absolutely superb."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 7, 1949

The Rev. John Joseph Endler, C. P.
Mother of Mercy Mission
Washington, N. C.

Dear Father Endler:

You wrote us back in November about receipt of a bill, which we presumed to have been for membership in the name of Father Ernest Welch. You also wanted us to explain what the Council is all about.

Some two or three years ago, if I am not mistaken, Bishop Waters arranged membership to the Southern Regional Council for a number of priests in the North Carolina diocese. Perhaps, most of these members have continued to keep their membership on their own.

As Father Welch has moved and as we have been unable to learn his new address, we assume that his membership has expired and we will discontinue him.

Meanwhile, last February you wrote us that you were unable to keep up Father Welch's membership, and we wrote you back February 11 that we would, nevertheless, send our little magazine to the Mission without charge. You kindly acknowledged that letter March 8.

The present situation is that we are continuing to carry the mission for receipt of a free subscription to New South, a rare act indeed in our own poverty.

We hope that New South is of some aid to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 15-A
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, the Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council, is leaving today for New York and will be there until after Christmas.

We would appreciate it very much if you would see him for a few minutes on any day between now and Christmas, either at Hyde Park or in New York City or anywhere else you might suggest. If you will let us know if this is possible and when and where you can see Mr. Byrd, we will communicate with him.

We are still reaping good results from your visit to Atlanta. Women from many County Seats in the South have already signed up to go to the courts and some stories of what they found on their visits have come in to us. We are more than thrilled with this venture.

Deeply grateful for the aid you have so generously given me, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:wgd

December 8, 1949

Dr. & Mrs. B. A. Everett
1329 Pine Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Everett:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Superintendent J. F. Brooks
County Dept. of Education
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mrs. B. Duvall Chambers
3517 Deveraux Road
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for twenty-five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mrs. M. O. Levy
712 E. Cheves Street
Florence, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Levy:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Miss Leila G. Johnson
Murrell's Inlet, S. C.

Dear Miss Johnson:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. Hyman Rubin
2511 Duncan Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Rubin:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. Rubin Gotesky
Department of Philosophy
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gotesky:

The enclosed list of the number and distribution of Negro physicians and dentists in Georgia is the most complete information we could get for you in reply to your request of November 28. You will note that only 36 of Georgia's 159 counties have Negro physicians and only 16 have any Negro dentists. If you need further information or details, I suggest that you write directly to Dr. W. A. Mason, Director, Office of Health Education for Negroes, State Department of Public Health, 204 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, since his office supplied us with these figures.

One of the most constructive and fruitful things a local group such as yours could undertake would be a self-survey of your own community. (The enclosed leaflet describes briefly the self-survey technique and explains the services which the Council can give to any community asking for help in making such a survey.)

Since your group is already interested in health and medical care, perhaps that field -- if you decide to do a survey -- would be a good one to start with. Housing is another good starting point, if you do not want to undertake a survey of the entire community.

The League of Women Voters in Athens has expressed considerable interest in such a survey of Athens. They have a copy of the Council's Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey which I am sure they would be glad to share with you. Your group, if it is interested, might like to talk with them about the possibilities of an Athens survey.

Please let us know if we can help you again.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 8, 1949

Miss Laura Ebaugh
311 Pettigue Street
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Miss Ebaugh:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We were wondering if you were ever able to get any information about the teachers' cheating probe in South Carolina for the Mr. Chalmers who wrote us from Greenville. If you did, we would like very much to have whatever information you obtained, as we have been able to find out very little about it from here.

We appreciate very much all your help in these matters.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 8, 1949

Dr. O. B. Taylor
101½ West Vine Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Taylor:

That was mighty kind of you to come straight back and join our Council. We appreciate it greatly.

The three dollars dues includes a subscription to New South so you have paid us really $1.50 too much. We assume it will be all right for us to keep this and consider it as half payment of 1951 dues.

I enclose several recent issues of New South..

Thank you also for telling us about the Reverend Mr. James. I am writing to him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Rev. R. E. James
228 Patton
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. James:

Dr. O. B. Taylor has recently become a member of the Southern Regional Council. He has told us that we might write you, sending information about the Council.

We send along several leaflets which will tell you the sort of organization it is.

We would be most grateful if you would care to join us.

My friend Paul Christopher the other day spoke most warmly to me of your work in Knoxville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

8 December 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Read the enclosed copy of the Shreveport survey story in the World and rejoice. We are all very pleased about it. Your field work certainly paid off, and we all send congratulations.

This clipping is our only word about the Shreveport survey. Probably, through Miss Judy, you had already known about it, since they have been corresponding with Miss Judy, haven't they? We supplied them with Manuals and By The People last spring, but have not heard from them since. Anything you know about it or can find out from Miss Judy would be a big help to me. I would like to write them, but would rather wait until I hear from you about whom to write, etc.

I also thought you would be interested in the 1949 Survey Report we got up for our "anonymous foundation". Here is a copy which you may keep for your own use if you would like to.

One other thing -- if you could dig up those reports you said you had on the Marianna survey and send them to me, I would appreciate it.

I hope that you had a wonderful and interesting New York trip - am sure you did. Mr. Byrd left today for New York, so maybe you'll run into each other if you are still there. Things continue much the same here, but we are still cheerful. Will let you know what happens from time to time.

Have a Merry Christmas, and give my best to Mr. Havens. My very best to you.

Jane Simpson

December 8, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Thanks a lot for other clippings you have sent us about Negro policemen and now this one about deputies.

I sent the Conway items straight off to Lynchburg, Va. where an effort is currently being made to get Negro policemen on the force.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mrs. Blanche S. Summers
291 Dutton Street
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Summers:

I am delighted to hear again from Mr. R. L. Williams.

Here is some information about the Southern Regional Council.

We would like to have you or any of your friends to join us, and, perhaps, some of our literature would be useful to you.

Miss Cassandra Maxwell has just lately become a member of our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. Thomas T. Hamilton
State Board of Education
Richmond 16, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am most grateful for your letter of November 29.

We will look forward to word from the Negro Supervisors' Association.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Miss Adele Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

What wonderful people you all are over there in South Carolina. We have always known it, but you are making us more aware of it every day.

The attached checks are all made out to you; so, if you will endorse them and let me have them back, I will get them into the bank where they will do our sagging bank account a great deal of good.

I am just up from a severe illness and want you to know that the best tonic I have had on my return is all these fine "drops of water" which you are sending us at such cheering intervals.

Cordially and with much appreciation,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMCK:wgd

December 8, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I realize that you are gone, but I would like to thank your office for the present and you yourself on your return for your great kindness in getting in touch with Mr. Starr.

I know that it was an exertion to find time for that task. If I do not hear from Mr. Starr in the next few days, I will plan to go up to Nashville and get in touch with Mr. Starr in company with Mr. Petyon Williams.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Sutton, Jr.
1661 Woodhaven Dr.
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sutton:

How very grateful we are for your generous check for fifteen dollars.

We are now at a low ebb on funds, and your contribution will we assure you get immediately to work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 8, 1949

Mr. A. T. Butler, Executive Secretary
Palmetto State Teachers Association
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia 77, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are delighted to have you as a member of the Board of Directors.

Did you think you could find some way to get quite a number of copies of Race in the News out to your members?

We are grateful, indeed, for your word that you are planning to get us some help this coming summer. These are very difficult times for any voluntary agency, as I am sure you well know, and we can put to the promptest use whatever you find it possible to get together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 9, 1949

Mr. Chat Paterson, Executive Director
Committee for the Nation's Health
Kellogg Building
1416 F. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chat:

Thank you lots for your letter.

I quite understand and would probably take the same position myself. Les thought that you might find it possible to strengthen our hand.

I am overjoyed that A.V.C. has new strength.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 9, 1949

Miss Mary W. Wright
Clintwood, Virginia

Dear Miss Wright:

We are delighted to have your letter of November 29. We are interested to learn of the job you have.

I send you a packet of things about the Council.

While several hundred people in Virginia are members of the Southern Regional Council directly, we do not have a state organization of our own in Virginia. The field is pretty well occupied by the Department of Race Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches. The Reverend Mr. Emerson Smith, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond, Va. is the Director of this.

We keep up the closest link with them, but for reasons connected with their entirely Protestant and non-Jewish constituency, we have not found it advisable to set up a Virginia Division of Southern Regional Council.

I am sure you would be assisted by getting in touch with Mr. Smith who is a good guy and is doing a most useful job in the state.

Meanwhile, if you wish to join the Council, we would be delighted to have you as a member. I must say we could not show you any more benefit directly than receipt of our small magazine New South, but you could let us know of anything needful in your territory.

I have driven through Pound Gap, which couldn't be too far from you and there picked up some interesting information about the No-Hell Baptists, who abound in that area. Keep your ears open, and you will hear a good story.

I might say that the Council is truly concerned for the well-being of every one in the South and we have an especially tander spot for the mountains.

Probably twenty years ago, Dickenson County had some some years as a case worker, a woman long since moved up to Greene County and for a whort while married, and now living, I believe, in Stanardsville. She is an old friend of mine, deeply informed about the mountain people and the whole Blue Ridge life. For the life of me, I can't remember my old friend's name, but long-time residents of Dickenson will recall her. She is originally from Bermingham, Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

December 9, 1949

Mr. Edwin C. Seibles
1332 Pickens Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Seibles:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send so generous a check for the Council's work.

We have been in quite serious straits and what you have sent does quite a lot toward getting us back to safe ground.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 9, 1949

Mrs. J. M. Dabbs
RFD
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Dabbs:

"Pelion upon Ossa"

Mr. Dabbs initiated this fortunate and successful campaign for assistance to the Council. He then made a substantial personal contribution to the campaigh, and in yesterday's mail, we get also a check from you.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 9th, 1949

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Our apologies for the delay in getting this travel check back to you. Our "brokeness" is partially responsible, but I did continue to be ill, even after the annual meeting, and things piled up.

All good wishes for Christmas and the new year !

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

December 9, 1949

Mrs. Fred P oole
Plymouth
Michigan

Dear Mrs. Poole:

We have sent off to you the copy of the Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey which you ordered through Mrs. Tilly last week.

Mrs. Tilly tells us that you hope to get a self-survey under way in the near future in Plymouth. We would be very interested in any information you could send us about it. And we also would be very glad to help in any way we can. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

December ~~16~~ 9, 1949

Mrs. H. R. Cogburn
2505 Springhill Avenue
Mobile 17, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Cogburn:

We have sent off to you the copy of the Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey which you ordered through Mrs. Tilly last week.

Mrs. Tilly has told us that you are planning to make a survey of a rural Alabama county in the near future, in connection with a project for a community center. We would be very interested in hearing about it -- where it will be made, who will make it, and what results you hope to get from it.

I wonder if you could also give me another bit of information. We are anxious to get in touch with the people who are doing the self-survey of Mobile, and Mrs. Tilly thought that you would be able to give me the name of the proper person to write. I would appreciate very much your letting me know about this.

If the Council can help in any way with your survey, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

December 9, 1949

Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
P. O. Box 1208
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Yesterday we sent you one thousand membership blanks along with three hundred and fifty of the SRC question and answer leaflets. Our supply of the latter is about exhausted and we will send you the remaining six hundred and fifty as soon as they have been printed.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

December 9, '49

Miss Lorrayne Beth Webb
Librarian
Houston Independent School District
Houston, Texas,

Dear Miss Webb,

As kindly ordered in your letter of Dec. 5 we have sent a copy of "America's Tenth Man". Thank you for the payment in advance.

We do hope it will fill your needs. We can supply it in considerable quantity at 10 cents each.

It has been a popular pamphlet - a stand-by - for years. This present edition was recently brought up-to-date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 9th, 1949

Rev. William H. Sengel
70 Central Avenue, #112
New Haven 15, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Sengel:

We shall be delighted to have you join the Council and are crediting the check for $2.00 which you sent for this purpose. As single memberships have now been increased to $3.00, I am sure you will want to send an additional dollar so that you will be paid in full for the coming year.

You will indeed be entitled to receive all publications of the Council as a part of your membership, during the year to come.

For your seminar I am sending under separate cover a rather full assortment of materials, - this in view of the fact that you expect to cover the work of the Council, its total program and philosophy of action, and its printed material as well. Bill covering these is attached. If I have over estimated your needs, do, of course, return the excess items for credit.

With all good wishes and a very cordial welcome to you as a new member, I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

December 9, 1949

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

I like your plans and appreciate your careful work on them.

Take any three or four days in April you wish (or March if you prefer) and I will come to Memphis at the Council's expense.

I shouldn't be surprised but what President Price of Le Moyne could find a lecture fee that might stand part of the expense.

I will do as you wish on meetings to go to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Daily file

December 9, '49

Dear Mr. Jones,

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of RACE IN THE NEWS, with nice Miss Elizabeth Taylor talked with you about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Daily file

December 9, '49

Dear Mr. Brown,

I wish we had something. But we're mighty low on funds, and having a hard time paying our present (pretty good) staff.

Talk with Mrs. Jas. S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston. She's Chairman of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which is affiliated with SRC. I suppose the Texas Commission might have at least a short-time job, but don't really know its present situation.

If you get to Atlanta come to see me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 9, 1949

Miss Dorothy Jones
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Jones

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter about the self-survey in Rock Hill.

From what you have written, your plans are sound and well thought out. I certainly agree with you and Mr. Phifer that a small, newly organized group such as yours should, if possible, bring other well-established organizations into the survey in order to make it a really effective community undertaking. And your plan to try to get the Junior Welfare League to act as sponsor is excellent, particularly since they are already interested in something along the same lines. They would be a good sponsor to have, also, in getting the community behind your survey.

I have only two suggestions to make which perhaps might help you in organizing the survey and getting the League's sponsorship. One is that, if a complete survey seems like too much of an undertaking, you might plan to start with a survey of certain selected fields in which people in Rock Hill have shown particular interest -- health, housing, education, or whatever. What people discover when they survey any one field -- such as housing, for instance -- is that they cannot really study it along but must bring in other related factors in health, education, government, sanitation, etc. In this way, even a limited survey can have valuable results. And usually, when a group begins by surveying only a few fields, they end up by expanding their survey to include the whole community.

My other suggestion is that it might be useful for your group and the League to get in touch with the Greenville people, who are now winding up a very successful self-survey there. Their experience could be very helpful to you in planning and organizing your own survey. Also, their enthusiasm and the success of their survey would be awfully good promotion for your own, in your attempts to get sponsorship.

Perhaps someone from Greenville could come and talk to one of your

meetings, Or pehhaps, someone from your chapter -- and from the League if possible -- could visit Greenville to see the survey in actual operation. In either case, the people there who could help you are: Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary of the Greenville Community Council (formerly the Council of Social Agencies) which is sponsoring the survey, and Mrs. C. C. Withington (12 Clarendon Avenue, Greenville), Chairman of the Survey Steering Committee. Both of them, I know, would be happy to help you in any way they can.

I am planning a trip to Greenville myself some time after the first of the year, when they expect to have their final reports completed and ready for release. If you think it would be feasible for someone from Rock Hill to visit Greenville, I could try to plan my trip so that we could be there at the same time.

I would be glad to come to Rock Hill if you think I could help in any way. Please let me know if there is anything else the Council can do to help. We shall be eager to know how your plans work out.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

Daily File

December 10, '49

Mr. D. C. O'Flaherty
5400 Willow Lawn Road
Richmond 26, Va.

Dear Mr. O'Flaherty,

I hasten to get off an answer to your letter of yesterday.

We have quite a lot of material that will bear on your question, and I have sent up a bundle. Among the things particularly recommended are Honest Answer in Civil Rights Controvery, Race in the News, and Wanted, the South's Future for the Nation. Observe that the pamphlet on the Negro Press is largely the work of Mr. P. B. Young, of Newfolk, though for odd reasons Mr. Durr gets the credit!

On statistics, everyone is hovering for the results of the 1950 Census, and it is hard to get fresh material. If you will dig about in what I have sent, and let us know the particular gaps that you need to have filled, we will try to get together what you need.

Do you think you could join the Council? Only costs 3.00 (about cancelling the pamphlets!), and will bring you New South straight along.

We will be glad to help further if you need it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 12, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Walker, Jr.
635 Twenty-fifth Street
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Walker:

We do greatly appreciate Mr. Walker's kind renewal of your membership in the Council.

I am sorry about Mr. Evans. I saw him in Washington only a few months ago.

I will be grateful if the two of you would concern yourself to get maximum attention to the pamphlet Race in the News in your tidewater area. Every one in Atlanta and in several other cities is greatly pleased with the improvements in the way the newspapers do since the booklet came out, but nothing happens until there are local follow-ups.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 12, 1949

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

That was kind of you as could be to write so vigorously and so earnestly to Mr. Burroughs.

I shall be greatly surprised if that good letter does not bring in a contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 12, 1949

Dr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Hollister
1170 Hancock Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Hollister:

Mrs. Mitchell and I were pleased at the party yesterday afternoon to meet Mrs. Hollister. We will plan for some early opportunity to get to know you both.

Meanwhile, here is some information about the Southern Regional Council and the last two or three issues of its small magazine.

We would be greatly pleased if you care to become members of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 12, 1949

Mr. James C. Evans, Civilian Aid
Department of the Army
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Somebody wrote me that the September-October, 1949 issue of Labor and the Nation has a chapter on race relations taken from a report of the Army's Research Branch (in the Special Services Division) titled "The American Soldier." This is said to be good, and I have not seen it. If you could conveniently lay your hands on a copy of whatever part of the report is available to the public and send it to me, I would be most grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 12, 1949

Mr. Arthur C. Joy
190 Clifton Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Joy:

I have not seen the army report but have written off to friends in Washington for a copy. Thank you greatly for letting me know about it.

One or two of the branch libraries in Atlanta subscribe to New South and therefore receive whatever publications we put out. Unfortunately, we are so poor that we can't cover a free mailing list and can only reach those libraries which convince themselves that $1.50 a year should be paid to us for a subscription to New South.

Quite a goodselection of city schoolsand college libraries do take it, but we know we are failing to reach hundreds more that should have it.

I am writing Mr. Morgan Stanford today in hopes that he will become a member of the Council.

I have had a good many opportunities to enjoy Father Shean's friendship. He is now active in the group of Council members in Rock Hill, and I believe is helping them push the idea of the self-survey for Rock Hill. I like him and like his thought and his energy.

Do come into the office sometime when you have half an hour to spare.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 12, 1949

Mr. Morgan Stanford
740 Penn Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stanford:

Mr. A. C. Joy has told us that you might possibly be interested in becoming a member of the Council.

I send you, therefore, various of our publications. I do hope that you will like the sort of thing we do and will lend us your strength toward getting more of it done.

The membership blank is toward the back of the leaflet with the brown map.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 13, 1949

Mr. Will Maslow, Director
American Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Maslow:

Thank you for your letter of December 8 and a copy of the 1948 Balance Sheet. I had already received a copy and read it with much admiration.

I should welcome a chance to see the 1949 Balance Sheet in advance and will be glad to add any information that might be helpful.

We have no regular mailing list for the dissemination of such materials as the Georgia Law Reporter, but anytime I come across such an item, I will be glad to send it to you. Meanwhile, feel free to make specific requests to us.

Because of a limited staff, we are not always able to answer them promptly or completely, but we will always try.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 13, 1949

Mr. Albon L. Holsey
Assistant to President
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Holsey:

Thank you for your letter of December 8 and your offer to send me a copy of Dr. Dowell's address. I should like very much to have it.

I have no immediate idea for its use, but, as you know, opportunities appear often and unexpectedly.

I noted with pleasure the wide press notice of Mr. McGill's election to the Institute's Board of Trustees. That was an excellent job of promotion.

Mr. Byrd is temporarily out of the city, but I know that a letter from you will be most welcome.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 14, 1949

Mrs. A. A. Jones
Cope, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

If the facts which you tell us in your letter of December 8 can be proved, the man Sandifer is guilty of violating a Federal Law. I enclose a copy of that statute, which makes peonage punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

It would be best for you yourself to get in touch with the F.B.I. which has an office in Columbia. They will investigate the case and take whatever action is called for. If you ask them to, they will also be careful to keep your name out of the investigation.

Even if no violation can be proved against Sandifer, a visit from the Federal Bureau of Investigation would probably be enough to make him let the Negro woman go.

If you should need help from some of our South Carolina people, you might call on either Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C., or Miss Adele Minahan, 1930 College Street, Columbia, S. C.. Either of them will be glad to help you in any way they can.

If you need further advice from this office, please feel free to write us. In any case, we would be glad to hear how the matter comes out.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

14 December 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Chairman
South Carolina Division, SRC
Route 1
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thank you so much for your letter with the copy of the letter you had sent to Dr. Chalmers about the alleged cheating of Negro teachers in the examinations last spring.

I am returning the copy as you requested.

If you do find out anything more about the whole matter, we will appreciate your letting us know.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

14 December 1949

Mr. Robert Disraeli
Film Division, American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Disraeli:

Since the table entitled The Cost of Voting in Dollars and Days' Work was published originally in 1945, much of the data it contains is now out of date. For your information, however, the column called "Number of Days' Work to Pay Poll Tax for Man and Wife Who Are 1 Year Delinquent" refers to the number of days' work required to pay the tax and is based on per capital yearly income, divided by the number of working days in a year.

Since its publication, we have found that this use of per capita income overstates the number of days' work. No figures are available on income per person 21 years of age and over, and we have been unable to recalculate this column without distortion.

Since the table is now out-of-date and also is misleading statistically, we would suggest that it not be used as data for any work you may be planning.

We are sending you, instead, a more recent study, Race and Suffrage in the South since 1940. The chapter on the Poll Tax will give you more recent information and a reliable evaluation of its effect on suffrage in the various Southern States. Along with this pamphlet, we are sending you a brief listing of the most recent state actions on the poll tax.

If we can be of any further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

14 December 1949

Mrs. George W. Pieksen, President
General Alliance of Unitarian Women
7017 Waterman Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Pieksen:

Mrs. McKoy has asked me to answer your recent letter requesting information about developments in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

As you probably noted in the October New South, we were able to present reports for only six states. We do have some information, rather scattered and incomplete, for the other Southern States, and we are enclosing what we have on the three states you are planning to visit. I am afraid that, since it was gathered mostly from clippings and other sources here in the Atlanta office, the material is quite sketchy and lacks the evaluation an informed local person could give it. Some of it may be useful to you, however.

On your trip, you will probably pick up a great deal of information which you need. If you have the time, the following people could be of considerable help to you:

Mrs. Irving Cohn, Executive Secretary
New Orleans Chapter, Southern Regional Council
1122 Lowerline
New Orleans, Louisiana
(You might ask Mrs. Cohn particularly about the New Orleans Race Relations Institute for teachers, held annually in that city.)

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission in Interracial Cooperation (SRC affiliate)
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Cernoria Johnson, Executive Secretary
Urban League of Oklahoma City
300 North Stiles Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Mrs. Johnson is also a Fellow of the SRC.)

We appreciate your interest and your praise of the October issue of New South. If there is anything else we can do to help you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 15, 1949

Miss Susie L. Allston
76 Church Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Miss Allston:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Miss Susan L. Allston
76 Church Street
Charleston 1, S. C.

Dear Miss Allston:

We are happy to have you as a member and appreciate your order for materials. I am sending separately those items which are still available. Unfortunately, some of the publications you request are out of print. Therefore, I enclose a refund of seventy cents.

In the packet mailed to you today, a recent publications list is included. Perhaps it lists other publications which you would like to have. If so, we shall fill your order promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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December 15, 1949

Mrs. Gabrielle Austin
639 McDaniel Avenue
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Austin:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for twenty-five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Rev. Jesse E. Beard
414 Eighth Ave., South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beard:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Dr. & Mrs. Peter C. Kelly
Five Point Pharmacy
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Kelly:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan that welcome check for forty dollars which included both your and Professor and Mrs. Rhue's gift.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mrs. Thomasine Maxwell
515 West Darlington St.
Florence, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Maxwell:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome dollar.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mr. Eugene McCutcheon
Bishopville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCutcheon:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for fifteen dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mrs. Ann Pettigrin
Route #2 Box 412
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Pettigrin:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome dollar.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Professor & Mrs. R. E. Rhue
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rhue:

How kind that was of you to send through Dr. Kelly the welcome amount of twenty dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mr. John Scott
106 A. N. Irby Street
Florence, S. C.

Dear Mr. Scott:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome dollar.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mrs. Albert Simons
84 South Battery
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Simons:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

Mrs. Ben L. Strozier
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Strozier:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 15, 1949

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Miss Dorothy Wright
Columbia College
Columbia, S. C.

Sincerely,

Dear Miss Wright:

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

Miss Mary Helen Oetzel
Box 488
Florence, S. C.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 15, 1949

December 16, 1949

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park, South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Our very warmest thanks to you for the kind check for five hundreddollars that came in this morning.

It was a life-saver!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mrs. F. R. Brown
4645 Kennerly Avenue
St. Louis 13, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Brown:

We are sending you separately a copy of "Race in the News". The price is fifteen cents, which you may send in stamps or coin.

You are perfectly welcome to use the material in the pamphlet in any way you like. On the chance that we may have other materials of interest to you, I enclose a complete publications list.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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December 16, 1949

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

How kind of you that was to send us your check for fifty dollars toward getting Race in the News out to the county weeklies. I will try to find some one here in Atlanta who will give us the other fifty needed, and, at the beginning of January, we can get the pamphlet out.

Our warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mr. Cecil Coke
J. B. Coke & Co.
711 Cherry Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Coke:

I greatly appreciate your letter of December 14.

I will be happy to come and talk on January 31. My only difficulty is that my one popular speech is a thing so highly compressed already that I have never been able to make it in less than 29 minutes. Rightly done, it takes 37 minutes. I use a blackboard and with colored chalks do a map of the southeast and divide it into its four main subregions and spell out some of the development of the differences between the economics of the regions. Then at the end, I put in the state lines and link up in that way some of the questions of public policy that are stringent in the South today.

If absolutely necessary for your purposes, I will try to lop it back to 20 minutes. My guess is though that by this or that device you will be able to find me as much as 25 minutes and I suppose we can trade on that.

Meanwhile, I will mark that date on my calendar until I hear from you further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mr. J. R. Roy Cooper
Dean, Blue Ridge Conference
Clemson College
Y. M. C. A.
Clemson, S. C.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for your letter of December 12. I will be happy to set aside June 11 and 12 again for your Blue Ridge Conference.

I daresay that by next summer, some very pressing political and economic issues will be before the South. Anyway, we can agree as the time approaches on the best thing to say.

I will try to persuade Mrs. Mitchell to come with me for we both greatly enjoyed the occasion last year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mr. T. Renfroe Eaton, Publisher
The New World Commentator
1630 Fourth Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thank you for your letter and for the two copies of the Commentator which you were kind enough to send us. It is a very good issue and I enjoyed reading it.

More than ever, I find that what energy I have is needed by the Council, so that just now I couldn't tackle a special article. However, I will consider that I owe you an article to be written whenever it becomes possible.

Meanwhile, I am sending separately some of our recent things which may contain material that you can use. I call your attention especially to Race in the News, which has proved phenomenally successful, and to the article called "Law and Discrimination" in the September 1949 issue of New South.

I also have a suggestion. In the December issue of the Commentator you carry an article by Mr. Dombrowski called "The Regional School Plan." It occurs to me that your readers might be interested in the other side of this controversy. Dr. John Ivey, Director of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, 316 Peachtree, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., and his Associate, Mr. William J. McGlothlin, are both excellent and enlightened people. Their views on race are quite sound--at least I consider them equal to mine. Why don't you offer them an opportunity to write an article for the Commentator which will express their views on the racial aspects of the regional education plan. Your request would have a cordial reception and any article they sent would be well worth printing.

It is a pleasure to know that the Commentator is continuing despite all obstacles. I hope it will prosper.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mr. Gideon W. Fryer
12 Fort Charles Place
New York 63, New York

Dear Mr. Fryer:

That was mighty kind of you and Mrs. Fryer to send in your membership and we greatly appreciate having you as members and the four dollar check. We put you down as full fledged Tennessee members and shall even send half of your dues money back to the Tennessee Division's treasury.

My wife is close kin to the Connells, one branch of whom I believe has a farm in Goodlettsville. Anyway, I have been there and know what Goodlettsville is all about. Nice to have news of Harry Wright.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Dr. John Ivey, Director
Board of Control for
Southern Regional Education
316 Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear John:

Here is a copy of a magazine, Negro owned and published in Birmingham, Alabama. I call your attention to the article by Dombrowski on "The Regional School Plan."

I have done a few favors for the publisher T. Renfroe Eaton, and he is constantly prodding me for suggestions about useful articles which he might get gratis.

I wrote him the following in a letter today:

"I also have a suggestion. In the December issue of the Commentator you carry an article by Mr. Dombrowski called "The Regional School Plan." It occurs to me that your readers might be interested in the other side of this controversy. Dr. John Ivey, Director of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, 316 Peachtree, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, and his Associate, Mr. William J. McGlothlin, are both excellent and enlightened people. Their views on race are quite sound--at least I consider them equal to mine. Why don't you offer them an opportunity to write an article for the Commentator which will express their views on the racial aspects of the regional education plan. Your request would have a cordial reception and any article they sent would be well worth printing."

So, you will know what it is all about if he writes you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin
1010 Smithfield Street
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Jarnagin:

We do greatly appreciate the check for fifteen dollars for pamphlets we presume sold at the Asheville meeting. It was a great help to us though I am sure a lot of trouble for you.

We will appreciate having the pamphlets listed in the next bulletin. They are good things, and they ought to get out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 16, 1949

Mrs. Herbert Weaver
Statesboro, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

We have mailed out the enclosed letter to forty-one Conference Secretaries in the South, along with Race in the News, the little green flyers, and a list of our most important publications.

Many thanks for your cooperation. Please call on us if we can help you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

December 16, 1949

Mr. D. C. Whittle
"Ten Acres"
Cismont, Virginia

Dear Mr. Whittle:

I hasten to get off to you a copy of a quite recent pamphlet done by the Committee of The South. This is an organization not formally related to us but we are good friends.

Another excellent thing I have only one copy of. It is an article called the Economic Problem of the Southeast by Anne E. Hulse and Patrick J. DeTuro, reprinted from Harvard Business Review January, 1949. The Blue Book of Southern Progress, issued by the Manufacturers Record would probably give you the latest available figures. Also any large office of the Department of Commerce would have some pretty good figures.

My own feeling is that industry strengthens us, not only economically but in our prospects for broader democracy too.

Generally speaking, I would not say that the industrial cities of the South are afflicted with any unusualy large degree of racial tension. Some few are--Birmingham just now is one--but numbers of our manufacturing towns have found it entirely possible for their populations to accommodate themselves to a situation in which people of both races are earning something like the same money. And, of course, that steady income strengthens (for both groups) and makes for progress and understanding. Indeed, I would say that few things would more rapidly improve race relations in the South than conspicuous industrial developments in those broad swaths of the South which have as yet been scarcely touch by it.

Another good source for you is the Research Monograph of the Southern Association of Science and industry, in particular, a recent one by Harriet Herring of the University of North Carolina. I believe they have an office in Murphy's Hotel in Richmond.

A point material to your article I should think would be the matter of the bi-racial aspects of the trade union movement in southern industry. There is no standard book on this subject but it is discussed in an article in Fortune

magazine November 1948 on the southern organizing drive of the C.I.O. The point in my mind is that as the two races need each other to obtain union objectives, they broaden in the union relationship respect of each race for the other. Surely, that is a strengthening influence in the life of the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

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Frederick Jeffries
9 Myrtle Drive
Great Neck, N.Y.

December 17, '49

Dear Marianne and Friedel,

How nice to have news, and pictures, of you and of the children. We miss you, and think of you often. You know that whenever either of us can get to New York we will come to see you, and we hope that some chance will bring some or all of you to Atlanta.

Don't children get big quickly! Our two go to Christmas dances, in long dresses. But I notice a certain flicker of returning youth-recollection in myself; it has been twenty years since I did much dancing and partifying, but I enjoy in retrospect the old days as I see these new ones stepping out.

Thnk you for being interested in the Council. I send up separately an envelope full ofrecent publications, which will give a picture of what it does. Also, herewith, a clipping of an AP story, widely carried, that tells it over again.

On the money end we are in a bad way. It takes about 55 thousand a year to run the show. For our first five years we had twenty-five thousand a year from the Rosenwald Fund and ten a year from the General Education Board, so raising the rest (mostly from church bodies and individuals) was a cinch. This has been the last year of the Rosenwald Fund (which Mr. Rosenwald required by his will should be closedout within 25 yearsof his death) and the GEB grant expired last year. With those two holes in the funds you can be sure we have scuffled. We are trying to step up greatly the proportion of money raised in the South, but find it mighty difficult to persuade the few people here who have any money that the things we advocate aren't untouchable. Actually we are the middle-of-the-road group, offering the compromises that are unavoidable in this modern world, but rich Southerners get scared when they hear the words "civil rights". Still, we have found one Southern foundation that gave us three thousand this year, and a manufacturing company recently put in a thousand. The Methodists in one way or another give us about four thousand, and the Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Negro Baptists small sums. We are ending this year about 5000 in the red, mostly owed the printer and GSM.

We are the one group in the South which crosses all lines; we are Negro and white, Protestant and Catholic, Jewish and gentile.

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 206 North Wood Ave., Florence, Alabama, is an enthisiastic member of our Board of Directors. Mr. Jacob Billikopf, in Philadelphia, knows me, and knows something of the Council, and would I think speak of us as quite useful. Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli, in New York, knows us (and helps us). Mr. Edwin R. Embree, Madison Hotel, 15 East 58th Street, knows us intimately from his post as former Director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. If your Firm shows any interest in us I suggest that someone should bein touch with my Associate Director, Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, who is just now, for ten days or so, in New York, at 444 East 20th Street. He knows the most about our money matters, and is actively trying to raise funds for us.

A happy Christmas to all of you. I will hope that the New Year will get us a visit together.

Sincerely,

December 19, 1949

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
c/o Mrs. Al Morgenweck
444 East 20th Street Apt 7-B
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I hasten to answer your letter of December 14 though I am afraid I can't help you on all points. Anyway, here are the answers to the questions you pose as well as I can giv them.

Sorry, I do not have an extra original of the Christian Science Monitor editorial. I am afraid you will have to rely on the little reprint on page seven of "An Honest Answer."

As I remember it, the story in the December 1st Times had to do with the new John Hay Whitney Foundation of Opportunity Fellowships. I am sure that December 1st was the correct date, don't know why it wasn't in the copy you bought, but, perhaps, they dropped it from the later editions. We don't have another copy of the clipping as you and Dr. Mitchell got the only ones. However, I enclose a copy of the announcement of that foundation sent us by Embree. Hope that will help you.

I am glad to hear that the Field Foundation looks promising. We shouldn't have any trouble satisfying Channing Tobias' conditions.

I am sending you today, separately, the materials you asked for. Included are 25 copies of each of the following: Race in the News, the pamphlet called Southern Regional Council, "Questions and Answers", Time-Newsweek reprint, Reprint of the New York Times fund raising story. If you need anything else, let me know.

All of us here wish you the best of Christmases.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 19, 1949

Miss Clarabelle Chase
Rt. Box 427
Temple, Arizona

Dear Miss Chase:

I am sorry to say that Understanding Our Neighbors is no longer in print.

I enclose a complete list of our publications. We shall be glad to fill your order for any of our pamphlets that look helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

Harold C. Fleming

Enclosure

December 19, 1949

Miss Grace Fairthey
317 East 23rd Street
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Miss Fairthey:

Most of the questions you ask are considered in the enclosed leaflet "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy."

I enclose as well a complete list of our publications.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

Enclosures

December 19, 1949

Mrs. R. T. Renfrow
Lake View, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Renfrow:

I hasten to send you a complete list of our publications. Let us know which of them will be helpful to you, and we will fill your order promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

Enclosure

December 19, 1949

Mr. Dan G. Yates
300 South Aycock Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Yates:

Our material on your subject is quite general, but I am sending you a complete list of our publications. If any of them would be helpful, we shall fill your order promptly.

In case you have not already done so, I suggest you write the following for information:

Southern Association of Science and Industry
Murphy Hotel Richmond, Virginia

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

Enclosure

White

December 21, '49

Dear Mrs. Cohn,

Fine letter, and wonderful that you bring in so many new members. Comes from doing things!

I will look for the clippings about the meeting. If you have brought the NO papers over that will be such a victory!

Annual check-up Institute sounds promising. I am sick of meetings just to talk, but if this could produce a few clear ideas as to the past, and unite various movements on the near future, it would do a lot of good.

We are entirely out of What Kind of South Do You Want, and don't feel rich enough to undertake to pay the printer for a new edition. So for the while, the best we have is the fund-raising leaflet that Byrd wanted done, plus mimeo'd membership blanks. I send a supply of both. I don'T like the combination as recruitment documents, but can't help myself right now.

We've had $1500 in uncounted-on income lately, and that helps a lot, but we will still end the year owing the printer 2000 and other debts of perhaps 2500, unless we get rescued. What you have been sending in has been mighty welcome. We expect to send you back today or tomorrow what is owed to the NO Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 21, '49

Mrs. F. Constance, Jr.
441 Parker
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Constance,

Thank you for your letter.

We are a non-political organization, enjoying tax-exemption on such contributions as are made to us, and we haven't taken stands as an organization for or against specific legislative bills. But we long ago endorsed the principle of Federal legislation in the field of fair employment practices, and we favor the program of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. Here is a statement which, while long, will I think be worth your going through, as the position of a Southern liberal body.

Do join us. We would like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

White

December 22, '49

Dear Mr. Carter,

Cheerful news! In matching your mighty kind check for 50.00 toward sending Race in the News to the County Weeklies we got $10.00 from a leading Negro lawyer here in Atlanta (Mr. A. T. Walden) and the other 40.00 from the Negro Masons of one of the Atlanta lodges, through Mr. John Wesley Dobbs.

So we are rich enough, and will get them out.

Very many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

White

December 22, '49

Dear Lois,

Chattanooga has an independent, local Interracial Committee. I know little about it, but think it does some good every now and then. Maybe someday it will join our (quite separate) Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council, but it hasn't yet.

Here are the State Divisions:

Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council
Wm. W. Gibbs, Ingraham Bldg., Miami, Fla., Bhairman
Kentucky Division etc etc
J. M. Tydings, Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., Chrmn.
Mississippi Division etc
The Rev. Mr. H. Brent Schaeffer, 1525 Robinson St., Jackson, Miss., Chrmn.
South Carolina etc.
J. M. Dabbs, RFD 1 , Mayesville, S.C., Chrmn
Alabama Division, etc.
A. D. Beittel, Talladega College, Talladega., Chrmn.
Tennessee Divisionetc
Alfred Mynders, Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Chrmn.
North CarolinaDivision, etc.
The Rev. Mr. Leon Russell, Goldsboro, N.C., Chrmn.
Affiliated State Interracial Committees
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
The Rev. Dr. R. L. Russell, Room 401, 63 Auburn Ave., NE Atlanta 3, Ga., Director
Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation
Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive , Houston, Tex.m Chairman

The Neow Orleans Committee on Race Relations is an integral part of the SRC., as the N.O. Chapetr of SRC

The ~~Xxxxxxx~~ Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond , has a friendly but informal link with the Southern Regional Council.

Most anxious to see you.

W. W. Te

December 23, '49

Miss Inez M. Cavert
Research Asst.
Federal Council, etc.
297 Fourth Avenue, NY 10, NY

Dear Miss Cavert,

I have collected three or four items still about which bear on the fine work that the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching did. Unfortunately I can't find in print any extended story of its work.

It was organized and put through by Mrs. Jesse Daniel Ames who now lives at Tryon, N.C. A letter to her there would doubtless get you much more detail. She worked exhaustingly up and down the South in that cause.

No charge for the pamphlets, but we would be grateful for 18c in postage!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

white copy

December 23, '49

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Davidson,

I am to be in Miami January 13, for a talk to something called the Kind of Clubs. I'll work my way back up during the week January 15-21.

Meanwhile Mr. Morton McDonald has kindly asked me to talk to the Rotary Club at DeLand on January 13, which I have of course agreed to do. That gives me Daytona Beach as at least a pausing place on the way down, and the 14 as a free day between.

I thought perhaps there might be some opportunity to further my project for getting the Good Neighbor Club into some close link with the Council. If I can be useful to you or your friends on the 14th. or after the 17th, let me know!

Kindest wishes to you both,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 23, 1949

Mr. Don Hollenbeck
Columbia Broadcasting System
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hollenbeck:

The enclosed pamphlet, "Race in the News", was recently published by our Council and widely distributed among Southern newspaper men and lay people. It has already had a remarkable effect on Southern newspapers in their handling of Negro news.

It occurred to us that you would find the booklet of interest and perhaps worth some mention in your broadcast reviewing the press.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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Race in News
Time-Newsweek Reprint

white

December 23, '49

Mr. Morton McDonald
120 West New York Avenue
Deland, Fla.

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Thank you for your letter.

I'll be most happy to talk on January 13 at noon, for the Deland Rotary Club, on my way down to Miami.

Can't decide yet whether train or car, but if I will need your help in getting from Daytona to Deland I will call on you ahead of time!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

White

December 23, '49

Mr. Norman Wilson
427 South West St.
Salisbury, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Glad to have your letter, and happy that Father Kirby suggested you write us.

True, I made a talk at Raleigh, but it is not written out, and I can't publish it because it depends for its effectiveness on swoopy lines drawn on a map, and the swoops on a printed map certainly wouldn't match what the census says, and its a year's work to hook the swoops to the census and I haven'T got the time or moeny (!) to pay for the job!

Its hard to know what to tell you. On land subdivision and purchase by tenants, the best source is the Farm Ownership Division of the Farmers Home Administration in the US Dept. of Agricylture, in Washington. It has a State Office in Raleigh, with an able man named J. B. Slack in charge, and he could tell you exactly what they are doing in NC, and generally what is happening elsewhere. You can find the FHA local man through asking the County Ag. Agent (Extension Service) at the Court House.

I send a copy of a booklet we have that's related.

The ideas of my speech are into the leaflet on civil rights.

If you would come to Atlanta we could have a lot of fun talking. Or perhaps I can see you in Salisbury, though I have no early plan for getting there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 27, 1949

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Hugh:

That was kind and useful of you to carry in the December Light the story about the Fellowship of the Concerned.

It's a good issue!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mr. A. B. Camine
P. O. Box 881
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Camine:

I promised to send you a mat. Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Miss Emily Clay
1020 Granada Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Emily:

Mrs. Havens wrote me that 'tis planned to hold another, and joint, meeting of the Clearwater group January 13. Fine. I do hope you can all plan successfully, and that all or most will join Hon SRC.

To that end I send fifteen copies of the only item that's in print with a membership blank on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mr. Cecil Coke
c/o J. B. Coke & Co.
711 Cherry Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Coke:

Thank you so much for finding the extra several minutes. They will help a lot.

I will be on hand Tuesday, January 31 at at 12:45 P.M. in the Dempsey lobby.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Although I could not get to the annual meeting of the Texas Commission, I would be very grateful for a letter from you telling me something about the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

President Robert P. Daniel
Shaw University
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I admire both Shaw and Virginia State, and am glad you are President at either one!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
Masonic Temple
Auburn Ave. at Hilliard St.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

The Council is deeply grateful for your kindness in sending the forty dollars from the Masonic Relief Association to assist in distributing Race in the News to the two thousand county weekly newspapers in the southern states.

It is a great reassurance to us to know that we have had this help from you and your group.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Thank you a whole lot for going over to Clearwater. It is a comfort to be able to get things done as you did them.

I am sending Emily Clay fifteen copies of this or that leaflet with a membership blank and shall urge her to push something through at the January 13 meeting.

The time draws near for my trip to Miami to talk to whatever the King of Clubs is. I stop on the way down at Deland and have asked Gordon Lovejoy to work me out two or three college stops on the way back up after the Miami talk on the fifteenth. I will go and see Mr. Gibbs in Miami.

I will hope for a stop in Jacksonville and will, of course, get in touch with you. Write me of any directions you have for me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mr. W. N. Martin
Box 702
Media, Pa.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am grateful for the new folder on the training center at Babson Park.

I hope during the coming year to get down there for a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send us the quite extra thirty dollars.

Our need is so great that we take it, but it causes me to mark in my memory your own sincerity and generosity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

We are delighted that you are willing to serve as a member of the Board of the Council.

I would be glad to set aside Thursday February 9 for talking to the Assembly at Hampton. I could be available alternatively Thursday February 23.

Meanwhile, I am to talk to the local interracial committee in Norfolk on Tuesday January 10. This is being worked out by Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss, Algonquin Park, Norfolk and I am to spend the night of the tenth in her home. If it would be helpful for me to come over to Hampton I think there would be free time on the tenth, but I really don't know just what time that day Mrs. Strauss is to use me. If necessary, I could come over to Hampton on the morning of the eleventh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Rev. W. Albert Smith
First Baptist Church
Sheffield, Alabama

Dear Mr. Smith:

We had a letter from Rabbi Mantinband praising warmly the step taken by the Sheffield Ministerial Association in welcoming the pastors of the local Negro churches into the group. That is a praiseworthy thing to have done, and I should like to express our appreciation of it.

Sheffield, in this way, joins a very considerable number of southern communities in which the ministerial associations are really inclusive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 27, 1949

Veterans Advisement Unit
Brooklyn College
Bedford Avenue and Avenue H
Brooklyn 10, New York

Dear Sirs:

We regret that the publication "What Can Be Done About Domestic Employment", which you requested, is now out of print.

Current information about domestic employment can be obtained in "Community Household Employment Program", Bulletin 221, published by the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor. This bulletin can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. at 20¢ per copy.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

December 28, 1949

Mrs. L. R. Eastman
121 Mamoroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

We are most grateful for your letter of December 20 with its thoughtful and generous arrangement for memberships for the six persons whom you listed.

We have entered memberships for 1950 for all of them and have written each of them as enclosed.

Thank you also for the check for twenty dollars. The five single members at three dollars plus the family membership for Rev. and Mrs. French at four dollars made the total cost nineteen dollars. We have applied the extra dollar to literature for the new members.

Few things are more helpful to an organization than just such a kindness as this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

December 28, 1949

Mr. James M. Hills
876 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Hills:

We had a most kind letter from Mrs. L. R. Eastman, 121 Mamoroneck Road, Scarsdale New York, some days before Christmas, taking out a years membership for you in the Southern Regional Council. She asked also that we make this the occasion of a seasonal greeting from her to you.

We hope you will like the Southern Regional Council. It is an effort by people of all races in the South to bring about a greater degree of equality and justice.

We print a small magazine, some back numbers of which we are sending to you. Funds permitting, we will continue to print it during the coming year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

28 December 1949

Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
P. O. Box 1208
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are sending off to you today the remaining 650 copies of the leaflet you wanted. Sorry they are so late getting to you, but they have just come from the printer. If the letters have already gone out, we would appreciate your mailing the package back to us, as both funds and our supply of the leaflets are rather short.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

December 28, 1949

Mr. H. L. Mau, Jr.
16 Locust Avenue
Larchmont, New York

Dear Mr. Mau:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

Miss Cassandra E. Maxwell
191 East Russell St.
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Miss Maxwell:

How kind that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

Mr. Ernest B. Neal
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

I thank you, or someone's kindness, for sending me a copy of "Shifts in the Negro Population of Alabama".

It is well-argued, with the clearest of figures, and full of startling things.

Congratulations to the Rural Life Council, and to Mr. Lewis W. Jones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

The Hon. Phillip B. Perlman
Solicitor General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Solicitor General:

Our small magazine has made bold to reprint in shortened, summary, form the important brief which you submitted in the Elmer Henderson case.

I send you herewith five copies. We are hopeful that this additional circulation will have some influence in increasing the willingness of Southern people to contemplate change.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

Mr. Richard L. Plaut
National Negro Scholarship Service
31 West 110th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Plaut:

We have been a very long time, in our exigencies, in getting around to our note in New South about the Service and Fund, but here at last it is.

This will go out to about 4,500 members or subscribers, almost all in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

Professor I. E. Saporta
Georgia Institute of Technology
North Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Saporta:

Harold Fleming showed me a copy of Need, and I have had an opportunity to look through all of it and read much of it.

That is real teaching!

My warmest congratulations to all who took part. In just such work Georgia Tech fulfills her greatest usefulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 28, 1949

H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which has come to our attention. Since it has evidently been distributed in printed form, perhaps you have already seen it.

We have never heard of the Southern Leadership Institute -- which apparently feels qualified to speak for "intelligent southern Negroes" -- nor of W. H. Lewis, the signer. Do you have any information about the group? If not, would it be possible for one of the SRC members in Meridian to find out something about it for us? We should be most grateful.

I suppose the Willie McGee case, about which we wrote you previously, is old business now. But we would still appreciate any information about it you might pass on to us, so that we can close the file.

All of us here were pleased to see the good write-up of your activities in the Lutheran of November 16. You have our admiration and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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December 28, '49

Mr. L. E. Thomas
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

In response to your wire I am sending you a mat and an old issue of NEW SOUTH, with sufficient dope about me!

The Southern Regional Council is described as a Council to attain, through research and action, the ideal and practice of equal opportunity for all the people of the South.

I look forward to the visit.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Title of speech is "The Map of the South".

December 29, 1949

Dear Mrs. Beebe:

"The Economic Value of the Negro to the South" has been revised and expanded under the new title "The Negro in Our Economy". I send you a copy in the attached envelope.

The price of the pamphlet is fifteen cents. If you could send us the additional ten cents, we will appreciate it.

Enclosed is a complete publications list, in case there are others in which you would be interested.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Flem ng
Director of Information

December 29, 1949

Mrs. Helen B. Bourne
1116 Hillside
Greenwood, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Bourne:

We have received through Mrs. H. D. West, Sr., Treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of WSCS, a membership for you in the Southern Regional Council. Please let us welcome you most warmly.

We are sending you attached a few of our publications together with a full list so that you may know what we have available.

Normally, each member receives a copy of our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we expect to continue this publication during the coming year; and, in the event we do, you will, of course, receive your copy.

Please let us hear from you whenever we can be of service or whenever you have any suggestions to make for the improvement of our program.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. James A. Bull
48 Old Military Rd.
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Mrs. Bull:

We are so glad to have your letter of December 10 telling of your change of name and address and enclosing your check for five dollars covering dues.

May we offer our congratulations and good wishes in your new status?

Your check is being applied as follows: two dollars to cover the period of July 1948 to June 1949 and three dollars (dues have been increased!) for the period from July 1949 to June 1950.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mr. Charles B. Castner
4002 Napanee Road
Louisville 7, Ky.

Dear Mr. Casterner:

How very kind and generous it was of you to send to us on December 19 your check in the amount of ten dollars.

The Council is really in great need and what you sent was put to use immediately.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Edwards, Librarian
Chattanooga Public Library
601 McCallie Avenue
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Edwards:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 9 telling us of your failure to receive recent issues of New South.

We are sending these missing issues to you in the attached envelope and shall be glad to bill you in triplicate for a renewal of your subscription for 1950 as you request.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Director
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I send you several copies of the current issue of New South, which contains in shortened form the Department of Justice brief in your case.

We are hopeful that this circulation in the South will contribute to public understanding of the issues involved.

You've been mighty helpful about Race in the News. I get word every now and then of the importance of your letter to the Fraternity and Sorority Presidents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. Meddie Jones
Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jones:

My own prolonged illness and absence from the office have prevented an earlier reply to your letter of November 4 which you wrote in reply to mine of October 31.

With reference to the two remittances which you sent us in July and August, these were in payment of two sets of pamphlets, each billed to a different fund according to your instructions.

Funds permitting, we expect to continue publication of New South next year, as well as some other pamphlets which have been tentatively planned. In the event we do, we shall be glad to have your subscription to our publication service and will bill you at the proper time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mr. John M. Mickelson
Assistant Professor of Education
Temple University
Philadelphia 22, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mickelson:

We are glad to send for your information our latest publications list which included little free, but a variety of inexpensive materials which should be useful in your intercultural education program.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Miss Marjorie Minkler, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Town and Country Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions and Church Extension
of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Minkler:

How very kind of you that was to allocate to the work of the Council the $72.40 covered by your check received on December 23rd.

Your thought and the material aid in which it expressed itself were deeply cheering to us, coming as they did at Christmas Time and co-inciding with a time of great need.

Thank yourmost sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Pitney-Bowes, Inc.
Walnut & Pacific Streets
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Sirs:

I am returning attached invoice No. 022-49095, in the amount of eighty five dollars and sixty six cents ($85.66), covering yearly rental in advance for our postage meter at a discount of 2½ percent.

As our plans for use of the meter next year are somewhat uncertain at this point, may I ask that for the time being you bill us on a quarterly basis.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMCK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Algene Acres
Newberry, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I was indeed sorry to learn of your illness and most regretful to be flat on my back at the same time, else I might at least have been able to come to see you. Being in the hospital is bad enough in itself but must be much worse when one is away from home.

I am glad to send you the Agenda for the Board and Annual Meetings. You will, of course, also receive the minutes of the board meetings which will be sent out whenever we can complete the task of cutting the stencils and running them off. With our severely depleted staff, we are literally drowning in the clerical work which continues to come in unabated.

I do hope you are feeling much better and that your operation will lay solid foundations on which you can now build health and well being.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. Maggie P. Swain
1273 West Peachtree St., Apt. 4
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Swain:

A Christmas membership in the Southern Regional Council has been provided for you by Miss Margaret Swain, and we do want to welcome you most warmly.

We are sending you attached some of our recent publications including a leaflet which tells about the Council, what it does, and how it operates.

Normally, our monthly magazine New South goes to each member. Funds permitting, we expect to continue publishing New South during the coming year; and, in the event we do, you will, of course, receive your copies.

Meanwhile, with all good wishes for you in the year to come, I am

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Miss Margaret Swain
1273 West Peachtree St. Apt. 4
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Swain:

I am writing this morning to your Mother, Mrs. Maggie T. Swain to tell her of your gift of a membership in the Council and to welcome her most warmly.

I am deeply regretful that this acknowledgement has been so delayed and can only plead my own long illness from which I am so recently returned.

We are most grateful for your interest and doubly glad to have your Mother as a member.

With all good wishes for you in the coming year, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

General Library
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of a check for $1.50 from the F. W. Faxon Co. renewing your subscription to New South beginning January 1950.

As you are now receiving two subscriptions to New South and only one renewal has been received, please advise us whether the second subscription is, therefore, to be cancelled.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. H. D. West, Sr.
Bowman, S. C.

Dear Mrs. West:

Thank you so much for your check in the amount of six dollars ($6.00) covering memberships for Mrs. Bourne and Mrs. Wilson of your Society.

We are glad to have these memberships and are writing to welcome them today as new members of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Mrs. R. T. Wilson
Laurens, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We have received through Mrs. H. D. West, Sr., Treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of WSCS, a membership for you in the Southern Regional Council. Please let us welcome you most warmly.

We are sending you attached a few of our publications together with a full list so that you may know what we have available.

Normally, each member receives a copy of our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we expect to continue this publication during the coming year; and, in the event we do, you will, of course, receive your copy.

Please let us hear from you whenever we can be of service or whenever you have any suggestions to make for the improvement of our program.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 29, 1949

Miss Ola M. Wyeth, Librarian
Savannah Public Library
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Miss Wyeth:

We are very appreciative of your subscription to New South received on December 20 with the check for one dollar enclosed.

The subscription rate to New South has been increased to one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50), and I am, therefore, returning your check so that you may send us another in the correct amount.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

That was mighty kind, indeed!

We are in a distressing way for funds to keep going with, and your check for a hundred dollars cheered us all greatly. The truth is we have been able to do our work through many years mainly through a back-log grant from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and now that that has wound up its great work we are finding it difficult to develope other substantial support. One difficulty is our very temperateness. For whirling words we might find notoriety, and for resistance to change we could doubtless get help from whoever finances the Dixiecrats, save the mark!

I send you some of our recent things. We are perhaps getting more done through Face in the News, which is converting papers pretty fast to greater courtesy, greater coverage, and more respect for other people's dignity.

We are making you a Council member, and you will receive what we can print in the future.

Certainly I am Dr. S. C. Mitchell's son, and a warm admirer of all the Morse's. And of course I am frequently in South Carolina, and occasionally in Charleston, which I visit in wonder, affection, and sorrow.

Do write us if we can do you any service.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Here is our report covering the months September, October, and November. My apologies that we are so late in sending it. I am just back in the office after a prolonged illness and found such an accumulation on my desk that it is taking me quite a while to go through it.

You will note that I have made certain deductions during this period. I hope these are self-explanatory, but if they are not, please do not hesitate to write me about any item that is not clear.

The membership cards were ordered as you suggested in your letter of November 25, but, unfortunately, they could not be delivered in time to be included in the mailing. I am, therefore, sending them to you under separate cover as they will no doubt be useful there.

Our congratulations on the fine showing with regard to new memberships.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. Jack W. Cole
Box 219
University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cole:

We are indeed glad to have you as a member of the Council and want to welcome you most warmly.

Membership dues in the Council have been increased from two dollars to three dollars. We have credited you with the two dollars which you sent, and if you will send us an additional dollar, you will then have paid up your dues in full for the coming year.

We are sending you attached some of our recent publications which may be of interest. Normally, each member receives our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we expect to continue publication of New South, and if we do, you will, of course, receive your copy.

Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of help or whenever you have any suggestions to offer for the improvement of our service.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

My sincere apologies that this has been so long reaching you. I worked it out according to the formula suggested, splitting the difference between the cost of gas and the usual allowance of five cents per mile. This was a generous formula and we are grateful.

We are all impressed and so appreciative of the noble effort which is being put forth by the South Carolina Division to help in this curcial period, and we want to express our warmest thanks to every one who has lent a hand.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. Walter R. Harrison, Chairman
Campus Committee
Southern University
Southern Branch Post Office
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Please let me send you a delayed thank your (due to illness!) for the fine bunch of checks which you sent on December 5. You have indeed made quite a record in getting in new members and that is a very fine thing for the Council.

With every good wish for the coming year, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Miss Lillian L. Holmes
4528 Second Avenue North
St. Petersburg 6, Fla.

Dear Miss Holmes:

We are happy to send you in the attached envelope leaflets describing the Fellowship of the Concerned and mimeographed copies of the Church Women's Pledge. Any use you can make of these will be appreciated.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly who is in charge of the Southern Regional Council's program of cooperation with church women will be away from the office for about two weeks. I shall call your letter to her attention immediately upon her return.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery St.
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Here at last is our check and covering report for September, October, and November. I am sorry to be so late with it and must plead my own prolonged illness and absence from the office.

I do hope that you have had a nice Christmas and that the new year will be everything you could wish.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College St. Columbia S. C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

Here is our report with covering check for October and November.

The "showers" from South Carolina are being most gratefully received here, and we are all so appreciative of the effort to help. Thank you more than I can say for your own part in this.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Parker
Crossville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Parker:

It gives us much pleasure to tell you of the membership in the Southern Regional Council which has been entered for you by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snipes of Morrisville, Pa. Please let us welcome you most warmly.

We are sending you attached a few of our recent publications including a leaflet which tells about the Council. Normally, each member receives our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we expect to continue publication next year; and, if we do, you will, of course, receive your copies.

Meanwhile, with all good wishes for the coming year, I am

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 30th, 1949

Mrs. Mary Pinson
1043 Oglethorpe Avenue SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mary Pinson:

I am most sorry that so many things have conspired together to delay the sending to you of material on the Council -- first my own prolonged illness and absence from the office, -- then the loss of your address, -- and finally the pressures that resulted from my being out so long.

We'd so like to have you as a member. Normally all members receive our monthly bulletin, New South, of which I am including some recent issues in your packet attachment. Funds permitting we expect to continue publication next year, and if we do you would, of course, receive this as a member. Dues are $3 per year.

In the attachment I am including a leaflet which tells more about the Council than I was able to do over the phone. If it doesn't tell you all you want to know, do call me again, or better still, come by the office when you are in town and visit with us !

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK/hs

December 30, 1949

Mr. John Popham
c/o Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Popham:

You will be pleased, as we were, by an item in this morning's mail. Some good lady in Rochester, New Yor, an ex resident of Charleston, S. C. had noticed your story in the Times back in November. She had written to Dr. Odum, to check on us I suppose, and then the other day had sent us a most welcome check for a hundred dollars!

I have thanked her. I warmly thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

December 30, 1949

The Honorable Frank E. Smith
605 East Claiborne Street
Greenwood, Miss.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are very appreciative of your subscription to New South received December 5 with one dollar enclosed.

The subscription rate to New South was increased some time ago to $1.50 per year. If you will, therefore, send us fifty cents additional - and stamps are acceptable - you will be then paid up in full for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Snipes
Youth Argosy
366 Broadway
New York 13, New York

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Snipes:

Please accept my delayed thank you (due to illness) for your five dollar check covering contribution and dues for a membership for Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Parker of Crossville, Tennessee.

We all remember your visit with great pleasure and hope to see you again.

I am writing Mr. & Mrs. Parker today to welcome them as new members.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

December 30, 1949

Mr. Carl Wiegman
The Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wiegman:

Bem Price suggests that I send you what we have on migration, as well as a packet of our publications.

Enclosed is a memorandum which gives the sketchy figures we have about Negro migration. As you will see, it isn't much. I doubt that anything very satisfying will appear until the 1950 Census is published.

You have probably already received the batch of pamphlets sent separately. I hope you will find them useful.

Sorry I missed meeting you when you were in Atlanta with Bem. If we can help on anything in the future, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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December 31, '49

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
Presbyterian Outlook
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown,

Nice to hear from you.

I daresay the author and I, if together for an hour, could agree readily. We would have to have a while for telling me just what sort of agriculture they have nowadays in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and in the South Plains. My impression is that the Valley has a lot of irrigation, and goes in for specialty crops (citrus among them), that pay well; and that the chief problem of agriculture there is the provision and maintenance of the right supply of labor. A man who can arrange that well will make money, and how he gets control of the land would be a secondary matter.

On the South Plains I suppose there's grain and cattle, which would give year-around work.

In most of the old cotton South one great trouble is the crop itself. You can make a cotton crop on not much over a hundred days work in the year (even without mechanization). Where was man ever prosperous working a third of the year?

The thing to do is to shift (as the whole South is rapidly shifting) to grass, cows, fruit, truck, and other crops, providing year-'round work. Quite true, that can only be done where landowners can find, or train, farm-hands who will take care of cows, and spray fruit, and do all the other intricate jobs required in running a profitable, modern farm. So one obvious thing to do is greatly to step up the vocational content of our common schools. We are pushing into industrialization proper and industrialization of agriculture, yet we rest on a school system that isn't pretending to train people to do the new mechanical and semi-skilled and use-your-head jobs.

My real difference would be on the matter of tenure.

I am less concerned to convert landlors to more kindness, and more wisdom in their use of croppers, tenants, and laborrem, than I am to make land-owners of great numbers of (selected and promising and trainable) tenants. The incentive I would drop into the system is not exhortation to landlords, noreven a showing of greater profit to large landowners, but land-ownership (of good-sized family farms) for those now tenants who can be trusted to manage places of their own. We have plenty of experience with this, in the Farmers Home Administration program, and in the private purchases made in war-time propserity.

Such a democratic society in the old cotton-belt South would solve many problems, economic, agricultural, and polictical, and would help quite a lot toward a better relationship between the races.

He is quite right that the shargecroppers of the South are poor farmers. Fortunately, however, sharecropping is almost extinct in Texas and Oklahoma, and in the last seven or eight years has been reduced very greatly all over the South. It survives in a few pockets, such as the Delta, and in Eastern North Carolina, (I believe), but as a widespread and lively system it is gone. The former sharecroppers have climbed the agricultural ladder, or have become laboerers, or have left (mostly the latter).

General criticism: let's not worry too much about how to change around the big landowners; let's worry about how to make (efficient) landowners of family-type farms out of the land-working plain people of the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

White

December 31, '49

Miss Joan Odell
31 Church Street
Tarrytown, N.Y.

Dear Miss Odell,

As soon as your letter came in I dug about and found that Mrs. Tilly was to leave N.Y. for Palestine at three o'clock this afternoon, and is registered at the Prince George Hotel. So I wired her at the Prince George, hoping she would get it, and get word to you. That's about my last chance of reaching her.

I do hope that works. And meanwhile, she may have been able to follow through as intended, and reach you by 'phone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

(1949)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Subscriber:

Your subscription to NEW SOUTH expired as we wrote you sometime ago. Would you like to renew? If so, please fill in the blank below and send it to us at once.

If you wish to become a member of the Southern Regional Council we shall be very glad to have you join. Dues are $3.00 a year and members receive NEW SOUTH as well as other materials distributed to our members during the year.

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Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

☐ Please renew my subscription to NEW SOUTH. Enclosed is $1.50.

☐ I wish to become a member of the Southern Regional Council, and I enclose $3.00 in payment of dues for the year 1950. (Membership includes subscription to all publications.)

Name _____

Address _____

_____
City Zone No. State

January 3, 1950

Mr. Cecil Coke
J. B. Coke and Co.
711 Cherry Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Coke:

That is quite all right about January 31. I will cross it off and wait until you find some other date that will be suitable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. Carl Wiegman
Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wiegman:

Of course there's a fourth thing to be done; the South should provide economic, political, and social justice. People leave the South for work and wages, yes; but they go the more gladly because they intend by going to escape at least the more blatant forms of discrimination.

A clean-up job in the South is going to cost money as well as moral change. We haven't got enough money. The rest of the country could put up what can't be put up here. I think the responsible statesmen of the South - let's say the Governors - should make it dramatically plain that they will administer with scrupulous fairness dederally-aided programs in the fields of health, housing, education, farm-ownership, and employment, and that as evidence of that they'll immediately open to Negro persons appointments on the appropriate State Boards that administer these services. My believ is that if the South would take this attitude, the rest of the country would more cheerfully help the South find the funds with which to do the job of getting people equal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

It makes me sad to have your letter of December 31 saying that you think you ought to resign as Chairman of the Tennessee Division. Your interest and leadership have been a great strength to us. But, I know you wrote only after deciding carefully, and so all we can do is say that we will understand.

I think you should write to the members of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Division or at least to the other Tennessee officers and tell them you are resigning. In that case, the First Vice Chairman, Dr. Charles Johnson, would presumably take over for the time being.

At whatever time the Council gets on its feet financially, and I still hope that is soon, I am most anxious to put some money into strengthening the state divisions. I think the most of them should receive something like a thousand dollars a year for two or three. That would enable the payment of at least a part time secretary and a really active organization would proceed from that.

Unhappily, your resignation as Chairman of the Tennessee Division will destroy your ex officio membership in the Council's Board of Directors. Your four year terms (along with that of two other State Division Heads) was to expire at the end of the Membership Meeting in November, 1949. By not re-electing those three persons who already had ex officio membership on the Board, there was opened three vacancies, which were then filled.

We count you a close friend and a deeply valued member. Let me know when you are in Atlanta. I am anxious to get to Chattanooga and get advice from you.

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd

George S. Mitchell

P. S. We thank you also for your check for five dollars. That renews your membership through April 1951 and provides an extra contribution of two dollars.

January 3, 1950

Mr. Morroe Berger
American Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Berger:

Here are our figures on Negro policemen in the South. I believe the confusion resulted from a faulty news story which consisted largely of typographical errors.

Enclosed is a copy of September 1949 New South and a typewritten supplement which brings that listing up to date, to the best of our knowledge. The revised totals on the typewritten sheet are probably what you will want to use. Also enclosed is a page from September 1948 New South which carries a table for that date and, on the reverse side, the totals for 1947.

The listing of Negro policemen is a continuous job. No sooner do you get it completed than revision is needed. But the Council has tried hard to keep an accurate count, and I think our figures are the most complete.

If more clearing up is needed, let me know and I will answer quickly. Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing the advance copy of the Balance Sheet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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January 3, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Stephenson
Hampshire Pike
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson:

One of our valued members, Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts, has told us of your interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council, and we are, therefore, writing to ask whether you will not join us as a member of our organization.

Membership is three dollars a year for one person; four dollars a year for joint husband-wife membership. Members normally receive our monthly publication New South which we expect, funds permitting, to continue publishing next year.

Attached, I am sending a few of our publications including a small leaflet about the Council which will help to give you an idea of what the Council is like and how it operates.

May we hear from you further?

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. John Tilman Mitchell
609 North High Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell:

One of our valued members, Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts, has told us of your interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council, and we are, therefore, writing to ask whether you will not join us as a member of our organization.

Membership is three dollars a year for one person; four dollars a year for joint husbandwife membership. Members normally receive our monthly publication New South which we expect, funds permitting, to continue publishing next year.

Attached, I am sending a few of our publications including a small leaflet about the Council which will help to give you an idea of what the Council is like and how it operates.

May we hear from you further.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

January 3, 1949

Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts
Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Evarts:

Your letter of October 26, so kindly telling me of the interest of Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Stephenson, both of Columbia, arrived just as I began my long illness which kept me away from the office for such a considerable while. As you may imagine, my desk is now piled high, and it is taking me much longer than I like to catch up.

We so appreciate your telling us about these two friends and are writing them today.

With kindest good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

January 3, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. John Fraser
215 Halifax
Ormand Beach, Florida

Dear Janie and John:

I am coming down your way. I have to make a speech in Deland January 13. Am supposed to stay with the Herbert Davidsons at Daytona Beach the night of the thirteenth and fourteenth and go on to Miami on the morning of the fifteenth.

Sometime on the thirteenth, or more probably on the fourteenth, therefore, I hope to contrive myself from Daytona to Ormand and pay the Fraser-Kelloggs a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Evening News
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

How very kind that is of you and Mrs. Davidson to put me up the night of the thirteenth and fourteenth. I accept with great pleasure.

I will await developments as to a meeting or whatever on the thirteenth.

I have to be in Miami for a four o'clock meeting on Sunday, the fifteenth.. I have not looked up trains but trust there is something that will get me from Daytona to Miami in the course of Sunday Morning and early afternoon.

Your home is a place of great contentment, and I am happy that I am to stay in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mrs. T. D. Connell, Jr.
Belcher, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Connell:

Please accept my apology for the long delay (due to illness) in acknowledging the one dollar in currency received on October 27 covering a subscription to New South.

The subscription rate to New South was increased some time ago to $1.50 per year, and if you will send us fifty cents additional (stamps are acceptable) you will then be paid up in full for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. Arthur D. Shores
1630 Fourth Avenue
North Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Shores:

Here is our report with covering check for September, October, and November. My apologies that I am so late. I have been ill and am only just back in the office again, and am now trying to catch up once again.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

3 January 1950

Mrs. Frederick G. Poole
680 Church Street
Plymouth, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Poole:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 27th and for the information about your survey plans in Plymouth. I hope that you are successful in getting the survey adopted and under way.

We regret very much that our supply of the Survey Manual has been exhausted temporarily. With only a small staff and such a large mimeographing job, it will be some time probably before we can get it into print again. However, I am enclosing several copies of a small leaflet describing the survey which may be helpful to you in promiting it. Perhaps by the time you get your survey under way, we will be able to supply you with the Manuals (or the individual questionnaires) that you need.

In the meantime, we are returning $1.75 to you by the enclosed check; the $2.00 you sent, minus $.25 for the Manual you have.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

January 3, 1950

Miss Mary W. Wright
Clintwood, Virginia

Dear Miss Wright:

That was mighty kind of you to join the Council and we are delighted to have you.

If you can ever come to Atlanta or if I can ever get to Dickenson County, we can talk about things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 3, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart & Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Many thanks for your letter of December 27.

Could you save some time for me at three o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, the sixteenth? I think I am expected at the University of Miami that morning but would plan to come in to Miami that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 4th, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Please let me add my welcome to you also as new chairman of the Florida State Division of the Council.

It has been the habit of this office to provide for the chairman, secretary, and treasurer of each state division a membership card file, keeping it up to date by adding additional cards as new members join.

The retiring chairman, Mr. R. P. Daniel, has been asked to turn over to you the membership card file which he has, and cards covering new members will in future be sent to you for inclusion.

One-half of all dues received from state division members is returned to the local treasurer for use of the division, together with any contributions which we receive, designated for use of the division. Each month a report with names and addresses of those paying dues during the month, listing one-half the amount of dues paid, and including any contribution to the division, is sent to the treasurer of the division with our covering check. A copy of this report is also sent to the chairman and secretary-treasurer. Attached is a copy of our current report to the Florida treasurer, Mrs. White, much delayed due to my own illness and absence from my desk.

Please do not hesitate to write us at any time if we can be of help.

Meanwhile, with kindest good wishes for the coming year, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

January 4th, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okechobee, Fla.

Dear Mrs. White:

Here is our report with covering check for September, October, and November 1949. You will note that expenses incurred here for getting out notices for the Florida annual meeting have been deducted.

Accept my apologies that the report comes to you so late. This is due to my own prolonged illness, and the fact that there was so much to be caught up when I did finally return to the office.

Ally my good wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

January 4, 1950

Miss Tommie Dora Barker
908 Penn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Barker:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send us your check for twenty-five dollars as a gift to the work of the Council.

It was especially appreciated coming as it did in the period of the Council's greatest need.

It would give us much pleasure, if agreeable with you, to enter a membership in the Council for you for the coming year. Normally, our members receive all publications of the Council, including our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we shall hope to continue publication of New South, and in the event we do, you would of course receive your copies.

With every good wish and our thanks again.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mr. Donald Harrington
Community Church of New York
40 East 35th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Harrington:

We have received through Mrs. Ernst Otto Juhl a subscription to our monthly bulletin New South, which is to be sent to you.

It gives us much pleasure to enter this subscription, and we are attaching, for your information, some of the publications of the Council, including a leaflet which describes our organization and its work.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mrs. Ernst Otto Juhl
Apt. 1-A
20-12 20 Street
Long Island City 5, New York

Dear Jacqueline:

I was so pleased to have your letter of December 13 ordering two subscriptions to our New South, but most especially was I delighted to learn about the blessed event which is in the offing. My heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

New South subscriptions are now $1.50 per year, so you will owe us an additional dollar. We are writing Mr. Harrington telling him about his subscription.

The inhabitants of 859 Juniper send you their regards and good wishes. Rosalind is currently in the hospital with a light case of 'flu complicated by a touch of pneumonia, but I hope will be on the mend soon. She is at Emory Hospital incase you want to drop her a note.

Again, my best wishes for yourself and our thanks for the subscriptions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mrs. Julia Peterkin
Fort Moote, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Peterkin:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send us your check for twenty-five dollars as a gift to the work of the Council.

It was especially appreciated coming as it did in the period of the Council's greatest need.

It would give us much pleasure, if agreeable with you, to enter a membership in the Council for you for the coming year. Normally, our members receive all publications of the Council, including our monthly bulletin New South. Funds permitting, we shall hope to continue publication of New South, and in the event we do, you would of course receive your copies.

With every good wish and our thanks again.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Miss Lennie Britt
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Miss Britt:

We are most grateful for your check in the amount of twenty-five dollars which was sent as a gift of the Louisville Conference WSCS. Please convey our very warm thanks to your Society.

It is, as you doubtless know, our habit to enter complimentary subscriptions for the officers in such societies to our monthly bulletin, New South. Funds permitting, we hope to continue publication of New South this year, and if we do, we shall be most happy to have the names of such officers of your society as you feel would most benefit by receiving New South. We will write you a little later on if we find it possible for us to continue New South.

With every good wish and again our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith
The Methodist Parsonage
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

We have just had a letter from Mr. Mynders saying that for reasons of health he must reluctantly resign as chairman of the Tennessee Division. So, I lean on you for arrangements about these.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

That was most kind and generous of you to return to us as a gift the amount of your travel incurred for the Annual Meeting.

We are deeply appreciative of this kindness of yours and will not abandon hope that if the Council survives, we may win back your confidence.

My personal good wishes to you and to Lulu.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We received a most welcome check for one hundred dollars from Mr. E. C. Wall, secretary of the Canal Wood Corp of Conway, South Carolina this morning.

In this gift, we sense, somehow, your fine Italian hand and want you to know that we are very grateful indeed.

With all good wishes.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 4, 1950

Mr. E. C. Wall, Secretary
Canal Wood Corp.
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wall:

How very kind of you that was to send us your check for one hundred dollars as a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Coming as it did at a time of need, it was a great help and cheered our staff considerably.

It gives us great pleasure to enter a membership for you if that meets with your approval, and you will, of course, receive our publications as they are issued.

With very warm thanks for your gift and all good wishes for you in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AmcK:wgd

January 4, 1949

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

What shall we do about this? Is there somebody good up state, say at Baton Rouge, who should send it out?

Alternatively, should they simply be sent from here?

Or, should they be sent from the New Orleans Committee?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Miss Adele Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

Back about the middle of October 1949 Mrs. Spearman wrote me and raised the question of whether the Council could get out to the South Carolina members a copy of Miss Cassandra Maxwell's brief about the KKK. I wrote her that we liked the brief as it was, it did not need any shortening and we would be glad to mimeograph it and try and get it out to the South Carolina people in the October New South mailing.

Well, we had to shorten staff so severely in October that it was only a couple of days ago that we got it mimeographed. Here it is!

I wrote Mrs. Spearman back in October that we were so embarassed financially that we would like to charge the expense of the mimeographing to the South Carolina division.

I don't think it amounts to much, probably twenty dollars (Mrs. McKoy is sick and I can't do her calculations). Postage will probably be about ten dollars.

My disposition is to think that a bill not to exceed thirty dollars would be worth it to the South Carolina division, and that you would, therefore, want us to go ahead and get out the mailing.

But in all decency, I ask first what you want done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Mrs. Phyllis M. Gibbes
254 Austin Street
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Gibbes:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Rev. A. R. Howard
Box 347
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome two dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Mr. Roy Graham
c/o Southern Regional Council
Florence, S. C.

Dear Mr. Graham:

How very kind and generous that was of your to send through Miss Minahan your check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Miss Maria L. Brock
530 E. Mineo Street
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Miss Brock:

We are most grateful for your kindness in sending January 3 your check for five dollars and ten cents. This pays up your dues until October, 1950.

We are sending you up with much pleasure a copy of Singers in the Dawn.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

white copy

January 5, 1950

Miss Lucy Clark Perry
Brier Hill
Yardley, Pa.

Dear Miss Perry:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send us December 30 your check for twenty dollars. Mrs. Tilly's program was a good many months ago now, and it is doubly pleasant to us to know that you remember (and in this way) her talk.

She is in Palestine just now on a church mission, as I understand, with a church group which is being shown the arrangements made and pending for care of the various holy places in Jerusalem.

I send three or four things about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

5 January 1950

Mr. M. Al McLeod, Superintendent
Sanford City Schools
Sanford, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McLeod:

Our supply of the Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey has been temporarily exhausted. However, we expect to have it in print again within a few weeks.

We are holding your order for five (5) copies of the Manual and will fill it promptly, as soon as we are able to. Please let us know if this is not agreeable to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

January 5, 1950

Miss Alice Biddle
Box 644
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Biddle:

We are most grateful indeed for your kind check for twenty-five dollars which reached us today through Dr. Odum.

I take pleasure in sending you several items that will give you further news of what the Council does.

I trust you won't mind if we also enter you as an associate member of the Council and use three dollars of your contribution for that purpose.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Mr. John Popham
c/o Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Popham:

We had still another check, this time for twenty-five dollars from some one in Philadelphia - nominee Biddle - which was made and sent to Dr. Howard W. Odum at Chapel Hill, who duly sent it on.

We thank you too, again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Mr. S. Buckman
Box 305 State A & M College
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Buckman:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send through Miss Minahan your welcome check for five dollars.

The Council is really in great need, and what you have given is being put to use at once I assure you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 5, 1950

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Rector's Office
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Mrs. McKoy is ill, where of I hasten to reply to your welcome letter of Jan.4.

Possibly by typing error, your letter says you do expect to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee Thursday February 22, 1950 at ten o'clock. Actually the meeting is Thursday, February 2, 1950 at ten o'clock. I do hope you can write us that date is open also. Perhaps, that is the date you really have marked on your calendar.

Sincerely,.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

SRC January 6, '50

Dear Mr. Davidson,

That's fine, about the Good Neighbor group. I will set meplans to be back in Daytona, and at your office, by four in the afternoon of Friday, January 13.

In order to be certain of being in Miami in plenty of time for my Sunday afternoon enegagement there I think the right thing to do is to take the train which leaves Daytona at 12.31 (midnightish) Saturday night. No need to keep the Davidson's up tillthat hour. That means, though, that I can have the pleasure of sleeping at your home only the one night, Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

January 9, 1950

Mr. Nathaniel S. Brown, Managing Editor
Marshall Traveler
1102 Alvin Street
Marshall, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

We will be glad to add the Traveler to our mailing list for press releases.

Meanwhile, I send copies of the two latest issues of our monthly bulletin New South.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosures

January 9, 1949

Mr. Will Maslow, Director
Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

Enclosed is a copy of the October New South which contains the nearest thing to an annual report we have published this year. I hope it will be helpful.

Thank you for your offer to let us read the draft version of the 1950 Balance Sheet. I have lately been in correspondence with Mr. Morroe Berger. As I told him, we will be glad to read the draft version and make such suggestions as occur to us. It would be good if we could have two or three copies.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

January 9, 1960

Mrs. Helen Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Dr. Mitchell asks that I write you about the matter of getting "Race in the News" to the county weeklies.

The possibility of getting the pamphlet presented to the editors at their annual meeting sounds very good indeed. Let's hope they are meeting soon. If that should work out, we would need to know two things: (1) how many of the weeklies are AP subscribers and, accordingly, will be represented at the meeting; (2) how a list may be had of the non-AP subscribers. I suspect we would still need to mail the pamphlet to a good many papers.

How to prevent overlapping with the Mississippi editors, I don't know. Presumably they would already have received the pamphlet through the mail -- though it wouldn't hurt for them to hear it plugged at the meeting. Maybe you could work out the mechanics of distribution in such a way as to prevent duplication.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and meanwhile will hold up any action on the letters.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 9, 1950

Miss Ruth B. Hawes
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Miss Hawes:

How very kind and thoughtful that was of you to send us your good check for one hundred and twenty-five dollars. In this, the time of the Council's greatest need, such a sum was doubly welcome.

We are so glad to enter you as a sustaining member of the Southern Regional Council. Thank-you again for your generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Written for Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 10, 1950
Dictated Jan. 9, 1950

Mr. Ray Smith
Bureau of Agriculture
U. S. Deptl of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ray:

I am going on a train trip tonight and will read the low-income paper.

Meanwhile, Dr. Will's address is New Hope Farm, RFD, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

white copy

January 10, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Mr. Well's company sent us a check for one hundred dollars which reached us safe, sound, and welcome.

We are deeply grateful to him and hardly less so to you.

Mrs. McKoy wrote and asked if we might make him a member of the Council, and he replied today and said yes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 10, 1950

Mr. Douglass Cater
The Reporter
220 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Doug:

Trust you are back at your editorial duties with renewed vigor now that the New Southern Wind has blown on you. I've discussed the hoped-for Southern issue with George Mitchell and pass on herewith such ideas as we have.

The theme of the issue probably ought to be the South in transition from an out-dated colonial economy toward national integration. Agriculture is moving away from the export staple crops toward the higher valued specialty crops and dairy products -- stuff that can actually be consumed in the South as well as shipped out. Industry -- though still Northern-owned to a considerable degree -- is gearing itself to supply Southern markets. In textiles, for example, fifteen years ago practically all that was produced was coarse, unfinished stuff, sent north for finishing and marketing; now that is being done in the South. Unionization is having its effect, too, on wages, working conditions, and to some extent race relations.

The thing to show about all this, of course, is its effect on the Southern people. Despite all the new wind a-blowing, we're still plagued by all sorts of hangovers from the older feudal days -- chiefly evident in race relations and government.

How to show the effects on the people? It occurred to us that one way would be a series of short, punchy profiles. Maybe too much of that would be monotonous, but anyway it's an idea. And I don't know any better way to bring out the general through the particular, especially when there's so much to bring out. Here are some general suggestions for interviews that would cover the major areas of the region and their changes pretty well:

Mountain. See what's happened to a typical mountain family in a valley redevelopment area. One good such area lies to the north of Franklin, N. C.

Piedmont. Industrial workers, one white, one Negro (could bring in the unions here); maybe a Southern industrialist, preferably one who inherited the trade from his father and has been in on the changes; probably the "new politician" we talked about would come from the Piedmont, could be a young, forward-looking member of a state legislature, you know, instead of Congress.

Plantation Belt. A big landowner who has switched from the traditional staple, share-cropping type of farming to mechanization, dairy farming, or beef cattle; a colored ex-tenant who has become an owner (most have done it with the help of the Farm Security Administration).

Coastal. A turpentine hand, who will demonstrate that things are still pretty primitive there; somebody in the chemical or paper industry -- maybe some place like Panama City, Fla.

As for the writing, here are a few possibilities which you can probably supplement from your own list of stringers:

Arthur Raper - Now with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has lived with Southern agriculture for the past fifteen years or so and knows it inside out. Has authored several books, best known: Tenants of the Almighty.

Jonathan Daniel - You know him. Editor, Raleigh News and Observer. Author. Would be good for an over-all piece.

Henry Lesesne - I think this guy can write. You've probably seen some of his stuff in the Herald-Trib and Christian Science Monitor. Don't know if he's done any mag writing. Why not try him out some time? Address: 2512 Glenwood Road, Columbia 4, S. C.

Calvin Kytle - You've got him. C/o Calhoun Times, Calhoun, Ga.

Tom Sancton - Is he still on New Republic? If so, guess he's out. If not, it should be worth your while to track him down; he knows the South and can write.

Alex Heard - This guy (a Georgian) wrote most of V. O. Key's Southern Politics. Now doing work toward a PhD in political science at Columbia, lately at University of Alabama's Bureau of Public Administration.

Ken Rainey - In case you haven't heard of him, a long-standing liberal battler here who teaches English at Georgia Tech. Has written some articles. Could do a trenchant profile.

H. C. Nixon - A professor of, I think, political science at Vanderbilt. Has authored several books. A witty guy with plenty of information.

This can serve at least as a first instalment on the help I promised you. Let me know as you find out what more you need. I hope you can swing the deal, Doug, and come haunt the South for a few weeks. If you do, we'd love to have you make the Council your headquarters.

Meanwhile, I await eagerly the Potato-Sack piece.

All the best,

P.S. - How're things in Nashville?

P.P.S. - Enclosed are a couple of clips that might help if you haven't finished grinding out your article. Did you know about the Talmadge thing?

January 10, 1950
Dictated Jan. 9, 1950

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter which reached me here.

I will undertake to be at Hampton all day February 9 and be at yours and Hampton's service on that day in the evening. I will probably want to go on to Richmond on the tenth but could if needful stay further at Hampton.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

10 January 1950

Mr. William Brooks
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I wonder if you could return to us in the near future the following materials which you borrowed from us last month? As I remember, you said that you would be finished with them around the first of the year, and we do need them for reference purposes.

> Social Security in the Southern Region: An Appraisal. (Southern Regional Council manuscript, May 1946).
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> The following pamphlets published by theCitizens Fact Finding Movement of Georgia:
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> Penal System, April 1938
> Penal System, April 1940
> Industry and Commerce
> Natural Resources
> Public Welfare
> Georgia Annotations on the Report of the President's Committee on Economic Conditions of the South, May 1939

We would appreciate it if you could get them back to us sometime soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

10 January 1949

Miss Virginia G. Davis
Adult Activities Program Director
Young Women's Christian Association
750 Main Street
Danville, Virginia

Dear Miss Davis:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to send you the information you requested in your recent letter.

I am enclosing a copy of Myrdal's discussion of the heredity of skin color which emphasizes particularly the story you mentioned. It is perhaps the best summary of scientific opinion on the subject and, as you will see, will give you specific references if you need them.

The only other suggestion I would have is that you might find a further discussion of the whole subject in Otto Klineberg's Characteristics of the American Negro, published by Harpers in 1946 or 1947.

If we can ever be of help to you again, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

January 12, 1950

Mrs. W. H. Shaw
240 Church Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

How very
king and generous that was of you to send through
Miss Minahan your check for five dollars.

In this
the time of the Council's great need such a con-
tribution is doubly welcome.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasure

AMcK:wgd

white copy

January 12, 1950

Mr. John Haas
888 Oakdale Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

How very kind and generous that was of you to send us your check for ten dollars. At this, the time of the Council's greatest need, such a sum is doubly welcome.

If it is agreeable with you, we should like to enter a membership to the Council in your name and use three dollars of your contribution to pay your dues for the year 1950.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta 3, Georgia

January 13, 1950

Our pamphlet, Race in the News, has been circulating now for about four months. We have pushed it hard. It has reached all southern daily papers and is about to go out to all the two thousand odd county weeklies.

We have had a great deal of evidence that it has improved the way southern papers have been handling news about Negroes. Still, our evidence is from scattered, hit-or-miss sources.

We would be very grateful if you would sit down and write us a letter and tell us in general terms what you or close friends of yours have observed about change or lace of change in the attitude and treatment by the press of these matters. Specifically, we would be interested in such imaginary reports as I give samples of below:

"Notwithstanding repeated personal and committee requests by citizens in this area that our editor of the Backwater Gazette be fairer in his handling of racial news, the old fellow has been stubborn and entirely unyielding. Indeed, we think sometimes that the paper is worse."

"In mid-October, various of us here began to notice sharp improvement in our morning paper the State's Rights Whistle. It has carried quite a number of pictures of local Negro citizens engaged in worthwhile undertakings and has in subtitles spoken of them with courtesy and respect. It has also begun to give considerably wider coverage of events in the Negro community. Unfortunately, it still prints crime news without any care for the points raised in Race in the News. The afternoon Daily Napper, however, has shown no improvement."

We would be very grateful for your observations and opinion. Any clippings you want to send to buttress your conclusions would be helpful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950
Dictated Jan. 12, 1950

Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

I got safely and comfortably home this morning. It was only after I got in the train and looked at the check that I noticed your Council had made it so generous in amount. That was mighty kind and it helps a lot. I put the difference between expenses and the amount of the check into the Council treasury as "lecture fee."

It was cheering on getting in this morning to find that Paul Williams had turned in for us a whole 'nother thousand dollars quite extra. So, we can all at least buy black eyed peas for another few days.

I had a delightful time at your home and I am grateful for it!

My admiration for Mr. Strauss. I had a little notion that if we talked about Ife heads and Benin bronzes he would turn up some pictures.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
c/o Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

I am so glad you and Mr. Byrd had an opportunity to talk.

Independent Aid's files contain a good deal about the Council's general program. It has not altered greatly since those long letters.

We feel reasonably secure about getting enough this year and next from church and other groups to enable us to carry along our regular organization. There are many other things we would like to do but would have to have extra money for.

I describe two of these to you and ask for Independent Aid's help to keep either or both efforts going in this current year 1950 and preferably for both 1950 and 1951.

RACE IN THE NEWS

I send two or three more copies. We got this out last September. It is ably written by a newspaper man. It has taken beautifully. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association mailed it out in September to every daily paper in the South. When Time Magazine picked it up, the S.N.P.A. sent out a reprint of the Time story. We have heard of quite considerable change in many southern newspapers as soon as the pamphlet came out, but we have not had the money for any systematic check-up or for anything other than a thin cover of urging our friends by mail to go and see their editors and ask for early adoption of the rules of the book.

As a further measure of circulation, I begged fifty dollars from Hodding Carter, forty dollars from the Negro Masons, and ten dollars from an Atlanta Negro lawyer; and with that hundred dollars, I am struggling to mail the pamphlet to each of the two thousand-odd weekly newspapers in the thirteen southern states.

I know that issuing a pamphlet is only a beginning. The follow-up is what counts. I am doing all I can through the mails to encourage people to take on that follow up

follow-up job; but the results could be very greatly stepped up if I could employ even a single person to travel from town to town and contrive local pressure. I don't want my man to go and see the editor himself in most cases. Rather, it would be his business on reaching a town to find out from both the Negro and the white communities the things praiseworthy and blameworthy which the local papers do in the field of racial news. Then, he could get a carefully chosen group together and call on the editors.

Our experience has been that such a committee gets results at once. But, we need to correspond with people who have been part of such committees and in some way, from time to time, take the temperature of the southern press on these matters. We are trying to work out a measuring device that will give us, in column inches, proper and improper headlines, use of pictures and courtesy titles, etc. an arithemetical figure as to how well a paper is doing. Every one is agreed that this Race in the News pamphlet has given a hefty push to a movement richly rewarding all over the South in greater respect of each race for the other. This is the time to make the movement roll. If I had enough to pay somebody four thousand a year, plus his travel, plus another thousand a year toward secretarial service for him and to cover postage and communications, a total of $7,500 a year, I could get the maximum of good out of it. One year might do it. Two would give me almost a dragnet.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

The red-printed leaflet, and pages 2 and 3 of New South, September 1949, which I enclose make that story plain. It is a really remarkable opportunity. It is already reaching thousands of women through existing organizations. They are not women who will pay membership dues into something like the Southern Regional Council. They wish to work through their church groups. They are already sending in their names, scrawled in pencil on sheets of mimeographed paper, saying that they are willing to play an active local citizen's part in even-handed justice in their towns. The next step is a card index of all those names and their counties. Then a map. The list can grow to scores of thousands. With a little stirring and prodding, it can yield a good number of names in every county in the South. With that list, things can be made to happen--preventatively and curatively.

Mrs. Tilly needs a blessedly competent secretary. She has none because there is no money. Mrs. Tilly herself works at home with a list and a typewriter until eleven and twelve night after night.

Doing that job right will take the following, at least:

Salary for Mrs. Tilly	$3,000.00
Salary for Mrs. Tilly's secretary	2,400.00
Travel	800.00
Communications	350.00
Stationery and supplies	300.00
Postage	400.00
Printing	500.00
Rent	300.00
Total	$8,050.00

That ought to be a three year program at eight thousand dollars a year.

The South is beginning to move. These are two only of the many richly rewarding opportunities to organize and stimulate and speed action by southern people themselves toward what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950

Dr. A. B. Kamine, President
Order of B'nai B'rith
Athens, Georgia

Dear Dr. Kamine:

I greatly appreciate your letter of January 10 with its check for four dollars. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell and I had a grand time going over, being with your group, and coming home.

If we can further this friendship with your friends, in any way, we want to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950
Dictated Jan. 12, 1950

Mr. L. W. Armwood
704 Broad Street
Jacksonville, 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Armwood:

I will be on hand January 20 a little before four p.m. for the meeting of the Advisory Board of the Jacksonville Urban League.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950

Mr. Charles McGill Smith
"Palmerstone"
The Plains, Virginia

Dear Charlie:

The guy down here who does the Federal Council of Churches wants to know who, if anybody, from around here, has attended a session of UNESCO.

He wants him to make speeches. We can't find anybody. Do you know anybody?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 13, 1950

Mr. J. R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ewbank:

I think the president of the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Little Rock would be the best guy. Do let me know if you can arrange that of if you make some other decision.

Meanwhile, we stand ready to do our part as soon as you tell us what it is.

Gratefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 16, 1950

Mr. A. R. Mead, Director
Bureau Educational Research
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Mead:

In the absence of Dr. Mitchell, I hasten to get this material off to you.

It has just been mimeographed and brought down to me; hence the delay in answering your request of January 3.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Winona Dawkins
(Mrs. W. R. Dawkins)
Secretary

January 16, 1950

Miss Mary Ann Tuohy
13415 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Miss Tuohy:

We are sending you, in the attached envelope, the latest information on lynching which we have in print. We also suggest that you write to the Dept. of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama as an additional source of information on lynching.

If you later find that you have questions on any specific points, we will be glad to do our best to answer them.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

JPS:wgd

January 17, 1950

Rev. William H. Sengel
70 Central Avenue, #112
New Haven 15, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Sengel:

This will acknowledge your note dated December 29 which we received yesterday with one dollar enclosed. This dollar is being credited to your membership so that it is now paid in full for the coming year.

The publications of the Council to which your membership entitles you includes our monthly bulletin New South together with any pamphlets which may be issued during the twelve month period, but does not include publications issued prior to the date you became a member. With this in mind, if you will refer to our statement dated December 9, you will see that you still owe us $3.16 for the pamphlets sent you. I sent a rather full assortment as noted in my letter of the same date, and if I over-estimated your needs, you do, of course, have the privilege of returning any issues for credit.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 17, 1950

Mr. Morton McDonald
120 West New York Avenue
Deland, Florida

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thank you most warmly for your gift of ten dollars just received through Dr. Mitchell.

In token of our appreciation, we should like very much to enter a membership in the Council for you for the coming year. You would receive our monthly bulletin New South and any other publications which might be issued during the year.

Meanwhile, I am sending you a few things which might be of interest to you.

With all good wishes and our thanks again.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 17, 1950

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

Your study on the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina as of March 1949 was mailed out last week to all the Council members in South Carolina.

We are sending you some copies of your study with the thought that you would like additional copies.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

January 17, 1950

Miss Edna L. Fussell
Rose Hill, N. C.

Dear Miss Fussell:

Thank you very much for your check in the amount of three dollars covering subscriptions to New South for yourself and for Miss Ann E. Purcell of Baltimore, Maryland. We are entering Miss Purcell's subscription and writing her today.

You have, heretofore, been a member of the Council and have received New South as part of your membership. We greatly hope that you will want to continue your membership, and in this event, you will owe us an extra $1.50 as membership is three dollars per year. If this should not be your wish, and you want to subscribe to New South, won't you let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 17, 1950

The Library
Prairie View A & M College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of a check for three dollars from the Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies, Inc. covering membership in the Southern Regional Council.

Since membership in the Council is restricted to individuals, we shall be glad to enter this membership in the name of the librarian of Prairie View A & M. Or, if your aim is merely to receive our publications, we could enter for you a subscription to our publications service, which includes all publications, at a cost of $2.50 per year.

Please let us know your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 17, 1950

Miss Ann E. Purcell
4402 Kathland Avenue
Baltimore 7, Maryland

Dear Miss Purcell:

We take pleasure in advising you that Miss Edna L. Fussell of Rose Hill, N. C. has entered a subscription for you to our monthly bulletin New South.

We hope you will enjoy New South, and that you will let us have any suggestions that may occur to you for its improvement.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Rev. B. J. Johnson
1304 Hunter St., S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

When I called at your home Friday to pick up copies of "Race in the News", I was told that you would like us to let you know what our records show. I am glad to do so.

You initially had 500 copies of the booklet. You have already given Dr. Mitchell a check accounting for 100 of them, and I picked up about 300 copies on Friday. That leaves 100 copies apparently sold by you. If you could send us twelve dollars for those, that would settle us up satisfactorily.

We greatly appreciate your help in getting "Race in the News" to interested people.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 18, 1950

Mrs. Arthur R. Eckels
1847 West Smallwood Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Eckels:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to membership in the Council. At the same time, you automatically become a member of the North Carolina State Division, of which Dr. Leon Russell of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville, N. C., is chairman.

The North Carolina Division is currently in the process of being reorganized from the North Carolina Division on Interracial Cooperation into a state division of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. C. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company is treasurer of the division and other officers and active members are: Dr. Guy Johnson of Chapel Hill, Mr. Gurney P. Hood, Box 5951, Raleigh, Mr. Cyrus Johnson of Bunn, N. C., Mr. Asa Spaulding and Mr. John Wheeler of Durham, N. C.

Attached, I am sending you a leaflet which tells you about the Council itself as well as a few of our recent publications which may be of interest to you. A complete list of publications is also enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of help or if you have any suggestions for the improvement of our program. With all good wishes.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Mrs. C. A. Clutz
986 East First Street
Fort Myers, Florida

Dear Mrs. Clutz:

This will acknowledge your letter received on January 9.

According to our records we have you down as a member with membership entered on April 1947 and dues renewal sent in on February 7, 1948 to carry you through April, 1949. The card does not, of course, indicate whether the source of these dues payments was yourself or your Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We are glad to know that you have enjoyed New South and have found it useful for your society; and I am wondering whether you would not like to renew your membership ($3.00) yourself or even enter a subscription to New South ($1.50); membership, of course, includes New South and all other publications.

It would be a pleasure to us were we financially able to send New South and other publications to all secretaries of Christian Social Relations without charge. Unhappily, the Council is a small budget organization with resources sliced so thin that it is impossible to do this. I do hope you will decide either to renew your membership or to subscribe to New South. Won't you let us know?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

The dates of the class for the Church Women of Louisville will be the mornings of February 14, 15, 16, and 17.

My suggestion is that if you could set your executive committee on say the 16th or 17th, preferably the 17th, and have some one from the executive committee present to the class the Kentucky Division of the Southern Regional Council, I believe you could get members.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:wgd

January 18, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

As Dr. Mitchell is out of the city this week, I have been trying to secure the information regarding the date of the meeting of the Louisville Council of Church Women from Mrs. Tilly which you requested of Drl Mitchell in your letter of Jan. 5.

Mrs. Tilly has been in Palestine and just returned the first of the week. After wiring for information, she was at last able to give me the letter to you which I enclose. I am sorry to be so late with this information and hope you still will have plenty of time to notify your directors.

If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Winona Dawkins, Secretary
(Mrs.) W. R. Dawkins)

January 18, 1950

Miss A. Bowden
2101 Dakota Street
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Miss Bowden:

Through some error, your attached check for three dollars sent us as dues for the coming year has been returned.

We regret so much troubling you but won't you let us have another so that this item may be closed out.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Rev. Philip E. Pierce
Decell Memorial Methodist Church
Wesson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Pierce:

How very kind of you to write us such a nice letter and to send us your check covering membership dues. Please let us welcome you most warmly as a member of the Southern Regional Council.

I am sending you attached some of our publications which may be of interest, and I am including a pamphlet telling specifically about the Council, its origin and aims. A complete list of publications is also enclosed, so that you may know just what we have available here.

You will automatically become a member also of our Mississippi State Division of which the Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, 1525 Robinson St., Jackson is Chairman. Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, 1116 Montgomery St., Jackson is Secretary-Treasurer of the division, and your name is being sent them for their information. I am sure you will want to work with them, and they with you, in furthering a local program of the division.

Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of help or whenever you have any suggestions to offer for the improvement of our program.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

We are deeply grateful for your check for ten dollars just received. Coming as it does in a period of great need, it has added meaning for us, and we want to thank you most warmly.

We are taking this occasion to enter your membership in the Council for the coming year. You will receive New South and copies of any publications which may be issued during the coming year.

Meanwhile I am attaching a few of our current pamphlets which may be of interest to you.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 18, 1950

Miss Lois G. Dozier
Box 7
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Miss Dozier:

We are most regretful that the Southern Regional Council cannot supply free materials for the forthcoming Civil Rights Seminar in South Bend. Unfortunately, our budget is so slim that we have to sell our pamphlets at their cost to us.

Anyway, I enclose a copy of our publications list.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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January 19, 1950

Mr. W. A. McMillan
Professor of Education and Psychology
Wiley College
Marshall, Texas

Dear Professor McMillan:

We have no record of having received an order from your book store for 100 copies of "America's Tenth Man". It evidently went astray somewhere between there and here.

I am sending the 100 copies today, addressed to you, and am enclosing in this letter two copies of the bill. I trust this procedure will be satisfactory to your business office. We did want you to have the pamphlets at once.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enclosure

January 19, 1950

Miss Jeannette Harris
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Miss Harris:

I regret to say that, because of our small budget, we have had to discontinue all quantity discounts on our pamphlets. Accordingly, we have to ask fifteen cents each for "Race in the News", regardless of the number ordered.

I wish we could afford to be more generous, especially to our sister agencies.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 19, 1950

Mrs. Bernard Wolfman
Legal Division
The National Mental Health Foundation
1520 Race Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Wolfman:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 12 addressed to Mr. James O. Slade, who is no longer a member of our staff.

Although I have not yet seen the material which you sent separately, the project you describe sounds most useful, and we are glad to be of help. Mr. Leonard Haas, who serves as counsel for this organization, has very kindly offered to review your material on Georgia's laws relating to the mentally ill, mentally deficient, and epileptic. Mr. Haas is an able and highly respected lawyer who can be counted upon to do the job thoroughly. I suggest that you send the material directly to him, at the following address:

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

If we can be of further service, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 20, 1950

Mr. Richard Henry
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church
P. O. Box 543
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Henry:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city this week, but I am sure he will want to answer your letter in more detail on his return.

Meanwhile, I am sending separately a packet of the Council's material which should be of some help to you.

We are also entering your subscription to New South. This subscription price was recently raised to $1.50. If you could send us another $.50 that would complete payment of your subscription for the year. Better still, we should be glad to have you as a full fledged member. Dues are three dollars so that only two dollars more would be necessary. New South is included in the membership.

We are delighted at your interest in the Council and look forward to working with you toward the establishment of a Knoxville Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:wgd

January 20, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Miss Reid:

The attached inquiry has come to us from M s. Henry H. Hersey.

Won't you please, therefore, send us some biographical material which we may pass on?

You will note from her letter how much she liked your talk at Greenville.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 20, 1950

Mr. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 11, Miss.

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

In order to save postage, it has been decided that the signatures of the Division Chairman would be traced on the stencils so that it would already be mimeographed on the letter when it comes to you.

So, all you will have to do is sent us your stationery and we will return the letters to you in bulk already stuffed in the envelopes with Race in the News, stamped and addressed. Your one duty would be to mail them in order that they might have the Mississippi postmark.

I thought I would let you know on this as you wrote that right now you time is so full with your many other duties. Dr. Mitchell is out of the city this week. He greatly appreciates your interest and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Secretary

January 20, 1950

Mr. Jimmie Stewart
627 Northeast Sixth St.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Stewart:

On January 6, Dr. Mitchell wrote you about sending out Race in the News to the county weekly newspapers in the eastern half of Oklahoma. We are anxious to get this accomplished. Won't you let us have your answer on this just as soon as possible.

If you have already answered Dr. Mitchell's letter so that our letters will cross in the mails, please ignore this one.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Secretary

January 20, 1950

Mrs. Lula G. Benton
1215 11th Avenue N.
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Benton:

Thank you for your letter of December 31 and January 3 addressed to Mrs. Marie Saxon, who, I am sorry to say, is no longer a member of our staff.

We are sending separately the copies of "Singers in the Dawn" and "America's Tenth Man" which you ordered. Unfortunately, we cannot help you with the remainder of your request. A search high and low has failed to turn up even a single copy of "Black Smiles"; I am most regretful that we cannot find a copy for you. Nor can I advise you how to obtain the two books you mention.

The next time you call on us, perhaps we can be of more help.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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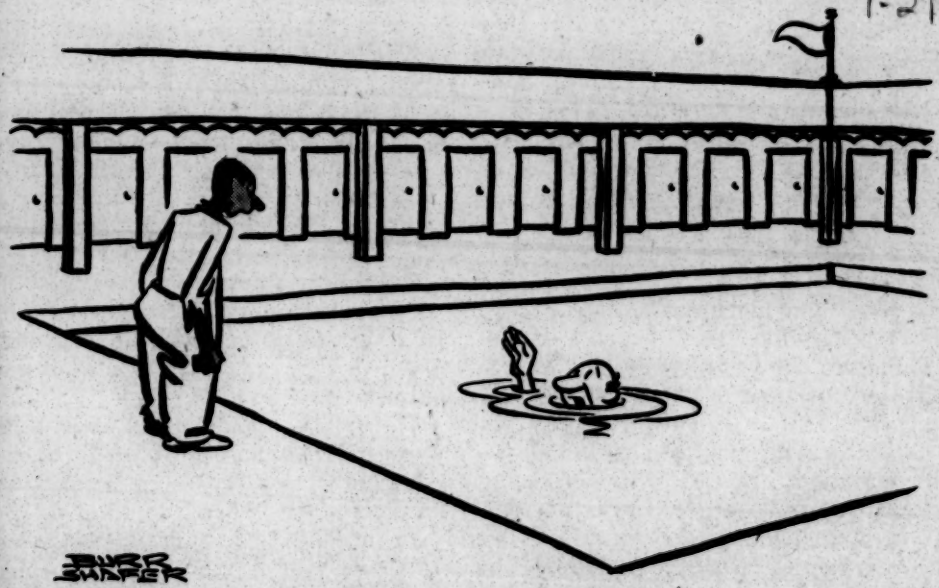

THROUGH HISTORY WITH J. WESLEY SMITH

"I'd *like* to save you, Mister Smith, but I ain't allowed to swim in this pool."

The Saturday Review

January 23, 1950

Mr. Will Maslow, Director
Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

The draft of your Balance Sheet for 1949, which we received today, is an excellent job. Though I have only had time for one rather hasty reading, I have found almost no inaccuracies.

The following points -- all of them quite small -- I offer for whatever they are worth:

Section I, Item 7 - As a matter of pin-point accuracy, our files show that 29 Southern towns and cities now have anti-mask ordinances.

Section III, Item 1 - Your statement about the Ga. Supreme Court's ruling on the reregistration law is a trifle misleading. Some of the newspaper reporting about it was quite murky. The fact is that the pleadings in the case did not attack specific parts of the law as unconstitutional, but simply cited the bill as a whole as a violation of the "equal protection" clause. The court, then, declined to declare the law as a whole unconstitutional ("on its face"), but did not close the door to pleadings on specific provisions of the law. (I hope this isn't too murky, also.)

Section V, Item 12 - Actually, the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education has so far shown no disposition to "set up" separate graduate institutions, but is providing contractual services between participating states and existing institutions, on a segregated basis.

Section VI, Item 19 - You might want to make it clear that Mr. Calhoun, the Negro realtor involved, did not become executive secretary of the local NAACP until after his license was revoked.

Section IX - It may be worth noting that, during the past year, the Conference of Southern Graduate Deans admitted the deans of seven Negro institutions to membership.

As you can see, these are by no means major corrections, and I doubt that your publication would suffer much for want of them.

We look forward to receiving the printed edition.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 23, 1950

Mr. Lewis C. Coffin
Chief, Exchange and Gift Division
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Coffin:

In reply to your letter of January 13, AG, please be advised that our records indicate that we have previously sent the Library bound volumes 1, 2, and 3 of New South.

Since your letter indicates that they were not received, we are sending separately another volume 1, along with the just-bound volume 4. I regret that we are unable to supply the missing volumes 2 and 3.

Please let us know whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 23, 1950

Rabbi Samuel Glasner
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
Stern Community House
Athens Georgia

Dear Rabbi Glasner:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send out your letter of January 13 to your members. I am as grateful as can be.

The visit to Athens and the meeting with your group was a real pleasure.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 23, 1950

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
Route #4
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

I have been out of town and only today got back to your letter of January 14.

I know several of the people in the office of the Farms Home Administration in Montgomery and know them so well that I am satisfied that they will not let any one be unfairly treated.

If you will simply point out what has occurred and will at all times hold up to the best of your ability your end of your arrangements with the government, I am satisfied you will get fair treatment.

I do hope everything works out all right.

Let us hear from you again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 23, 1950

Mrs. Othella Hickman Green
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Green:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to be forwarded to Mr. Portman for his signature. We will change the title to read "Secretary of the Kentucky Press Association". Let us know if this is not his correct title.

Mr. Portman's signature will be mimeographed along with the letter. The material to be sent to the county weekly papers will be addressed, stamped, and ready to mail when you receive them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

January 23, 1950

Mr. C. F. Hopson, M. D.
State of West Virginia
Bureau of Negro Welfare & Statistics
Charleston 5, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Hopson:

Thank you for your letter of January 20.

The Council would like to be helpful to all good causes in West Virginia. Unfortunately the decision was taken some years ago that the "area of the southern region" did not include that fine state of West Virginia; and because of this, none of our publications will be of any statistical help on West Virginia matters. Nevertheless, I send you two or three and alist of the others so that you may see the sort of thing we are getting out.

We are a membership organization as you can see from one of the leaflets that describes us. We do have perhaps twenty odd members in West Virginia dnd would be delighted to have some more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Chief Petty Officer James W. Armstrong
U.S.N.R. Station
Wytheville, Virginia

Dear James:

A couple of weeks ago, I had a day in Norfolk and saw Mary Jane Tillett. She said she had an uncle in Wytheville by the name of J. W. Hutton. I believe he had something to do with the court or the mayor's office. In any case, I promised her to write you that you could count on friendly support from Mr. Hutton.

I have been to Florida for ten days and am very sunshiny.

The Lord knows when I will get to Wytheville or whether my biddie could get over those hills, but I will try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

24 January 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thank you so much for returning the self-survey report so promptly.

I can give you the names of two Methodist church women -- one in Fulton, Kentucky, and the other in Shelbyville -- who have been interested in the self-survey and have attempted to promote it among the members of their groups. They are:

Mrs. W. S. Atkins, Memphis Conference Secretary, CSR,
The Methodist Church
210 Third Street
Fulton, Kentucky

Miss Juliet Jameson P oynter, Kentucky Conference
Secretary, CSR, Methodist Church
527 Washington Street
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Perhaps you might be able to tie in some of your promotion efforts with what they have already done. These are about the only sparks we have struck in Kentucky, except of course for the interest shown by Dr. Sanders at the University of Kentucky.

We are ready to help whenever we can. Best of luck on your program.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

January 24, 1950

A. Babbs Fafunwa
6. Cookman Hall
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

I am very grateful indeed for your kindness and that of the others associated with you in giving me the opportunity to talk with you the other day at College.

In moving about the state of Florida last week, I supplied your name and some details of your interests to Professor Gordon Lovejoy, Department of Human Relations, Miami University, Coral Gables, Florida; Mr. R. C. Beaty, Dean of Students, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., President J. Hillis Miller of the University of Florida, and Mr. Philpott and Dr. Scutter, University of Fla.; and the Episcopalian Chaplain adjoining the university campus, the Reverend Mr. Orth.

Mr. Philpott told me that a year and a half ago a small group of African students were invited to appear at Gainesville for a student occasion, and that it was all a great success with more than one hundred people turned away because they could not get into the hall.

I do hope that, in any case, I planted about some interest in getting greater circulation for you and your friends.

I send you separately some leaflets from the Council which will show you the sort of thing we do. If we can assist you in any way, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart & Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

I had intended to tell you about this young man, a. Babbs Fafunwa, 60 Cookman Hall, Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach. He is president of a quite recently formed African Student Union. There are some 500 African students in this country. They pay their own way, meet some discouragement from the British they say, and, of course, have a difficult time because of the exchange. They come here for what Mr. Fafunwa described as a "World View." I met with the nine or ten who are at Bethune-Cookman. There are five more at Edward Waters and eight or so at Tallahassee.

It seemed to me that these young people's chances of getting a world view were not too good under present circumstances, and that we might all do something toward getting them invited for appearances at church or church missionary groups or for student gatherings.

Mr. Fafunwa himself is most presentable and well spoken. Tehir English is hard but with close attention, quite understandable.

If you can contrive anything that would add to the breadth of their educational experience in this country, I am sure you would be helping.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. L. W. Armwood, Executive Secretary
Jacksonville Urban League
704 Broad Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Armwood:

It was very kind of you to give me the opportunity to talk with your Advisory Board the other afternoon. I enjoyed the occasion and the company.

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of the report you made on following-up on the Jacksonville survey. I would like very much to add it to our files on that subject.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart & Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We are getting along well with sending out Race in the News to the county weeklies in most of the other states.

Can you write us what you want done in Florida?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart & Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

I promised to send you a list of the Council's members in the Miami area. Here it is.

The meeting on Monday Night, January 16 at Coral Gables brought out perhaps thirty-five people. Mr. L. E. Thomas attended. They set up an executive committee of five to explore further the practicability of getting a chapter in the Miami area going. Professor Gordon Lovejoy and his assistant-professor, Mr. Donald Sprague, are handling the matter.

There seems to be a great deal of enthusiasm toward establishing a chapter but I think they wanted to be sure more would come in.

I greatly enjoyed my conversation with you and appreciate your being generous with time. The Council wants to be as useful as you can plan for it to be in Florida.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Dr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

One of the satisfying things in life is your annual report of the voting status of Negroes in Virginia. It always comes through, it always seem to be on time, it is always neat and full and clear - and written with dignity and restraint.

And, what powerful levers those black bars must be, county by county.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. Everett L. Perry
Research Assistant
Dept. of City & Industrial Work
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for your letter of January 20.

A self-survey quite like the Jacksonville one is now nearly finished at Greenville, South Carolina. In connection with it, we developed a special questionnaire for Religious Resources, copy of which I enclose along with a copy of our general manual for surveys of this kind.

Lesser surveys have been completed at Madison, Georgia and Mobile, Alabama and we expect surveys to be started soon in Rock Hill, S. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., and two or three other places.

I also send you up two or three of our pamphlets with a list of the others. We would be happy to supply any that you might need.

Do stop and see us; there will be many things we would like to talk of. The Council is here to help you in any way it can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

P.S. If Miss Gladfelter is still part of the Board's work, please remember me warmly to her.

January 24, 1950

The Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs
Emmanuel Church
Box 744
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Thank you for your order for three dozen copies of "America's Tenth Man". We are putting them in the mail today.

As you have perhaps discovered, the check you mention was omitted from your letter. Since you have probably already sent it on, we are not enclosing a bill with the pamphlets.

I enclose our most recent publications list in case some of our other material would be useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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January 24, 1950

Mr. George St. John, Jr.
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. St. John:

Thank you for your letter and your generous check for membership in the Southern Regional Council. We are most happy to welcome you and Mrs. St. John as members.

I am sending separately a dozen copies of the November-December issue of New South. Your help in interesting others in the work of the Council will be greatly appreciated.

Any time we can be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 24, 1950

Mr. A. R. Mead, Director
Bureau Educational Research
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Mead:

You were very kind indeed to make arrangements for me to have the several opportunities to describe the Council to people at Gainesville. I particularly enjoyed talking with your faculty group.

When I saw Mrs. Havens some days later, she told me that the Council's membership at Gainesville is sizeable. I should think it would be a good thing if you and others considered meeting from time to time as a chapter of the Council.

Certainly nobody from here would prescribe any agenda but it is every one's experience that when you get the groups together enough to do pops up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. Richard Henry
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church
P. O. Box 543
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am sorry that a trip out of town delayed my reply to your letter of January 13 but hope this will reach you by Thursday.

Here is a list of the Council's members in Knoxville. There are several others in Oak Ridge. I suppose that Mr. Cole or perhaps Paul Christopher know most about the Council among Knoxville people, but Mr. Daves knows us very well too.

I am sending you some literature about the Council with extra copies for people who may be interested.

We have a Tennessee Division of which Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor of the Chattanooga Times is chairman.

We would greatly like to have an active Knoxville group. Of course, the more closely associated with the Council it is the better, but our aim is effectiveness and not hierarchy.

We are most grateful for your interest. Let us know what happens soon and later.

We have entered your subscription to New South. Unfortunately, they now cost $1.50. You could send us the extra fifty cents now or we could bill you for it later in the year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Dr. Broadus Mitchell
313 West 20th Street
New York, New York

Dear Broad:

I lately went into Florida and stayed two or three days at Gainesville.

Various people there had, at this time or that, been students of yours and remembered you warmly. The particular one was Fernandez who had taught with you at N.Y.U. Seemed to be a particularly good egg.

We are all right. The picture of the children was a special pleasure.

Love to Louise and you and the children.

Sincerely,

George

GSM:wgd

24 January 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1985
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weekley:

I am tentatively planning a trip to South Carolina in February and am writing to ask if that would be a good time for me to visit Greenville again. I would like very much to see firsthand what has been done in the Greenville survey and thought that, if the survey was near completion or had actually been finished by that time, I could very well time my trip to include Greenville.

I suppose that all the committee reports are in by now. I would appreciate whatever you can tell me about the status of the survey at present. Do you know yet when the Committee expects to have its final report and recommendations ready for release?

Incidentally, Mr. Cleaver wrote me last November that the rest of the committee reports were almost completed. I would like very much to have copies of them if they are available. (The preliminary reports which he was able to send me were: Health and Medical Care, Sanitation and Safety, Law Enforcement, Transportation, and Religious Resources.)

A friend who has recently returned from a brief visit to Greenville gives us the encouraging news that, according to his friends there, the survey has been responsible for a marked improvement in attitudes and atmosphere.

I hope very much to see you in Greenville before too long.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

January 24, 1950

Dr. Francis C. Hayes
236 North 8th Street
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Dr. Hayes:

When I went on to Jacksonville the other day and talked with Mrs. Havens, she told me that we have a sizeable membership at Gainesville. Here is a list of them. Wouldn't it be a good thing if you or Professor Mead or various of you got the group together from time to time.

I greatly enjoyed talking with you and with Mr. Fernandez.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mrs. Alex W. Smith, Jr.
Junior League of Atlanta, Inc.
1430 West Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The day after your letter of January 9 came in I left for Florida and am only just back and can write that I will certainly be there Wednesday February 15 at 10 A.m. in the auditorium of the Life Insurance of Georgia Building.

I will do my best to include in my talk some material toward answering the points you raise. I greatly look forward to being with your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. Samuel Troy
417 North First Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Troy:

Mr. Byrd came back from Richmond with the good news of your very kind contribution to the Council.

Our need has been great and your gift is very much appreciated.

It is particularly pleasing to me to have this contribution from so useful a citizen of Richmond.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Mr. L. E. Thomas
The King of Clubs, Inc.
1035 N. W. Second Ave.
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

That whole trip to Florida was a great benefit to me and I hope some benefit to the Council. I owe all of that to your kindness.

I include in this letter formal acknowledgement of the club's kind check for $114.00 which over-compensated me for the occasion.

It was a grand audience, fun to talk to.

I do hope the Council can be helpful straight along to you and to those who work with you in Miami.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 24, 1950

Judge Hueston
1915 Fourteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Hueston:

I have not been able to get any answer from Mr. Wilson about Race in the News. I have written him again today.

Do see if the Elks can't come through with buying 500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

white copy

January 24, 1950

Mr. J. Finley Wilson
1813 Bernard Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have written you a couple of times and have stopped by to see Judge Hueston in a effort to get the IBPOe to buy 500 or so copies of the Council's pamphlet, Race in the News.

We think it would be richly worth the Elks while to get the pamphlet out to lodges and members.

We are struggling just now to mail it out ourselves to the 2,000 county weeklies in the thirteen southern states.

At fifteen cents a piece, the 500 would cost the Elks $75.00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950
Dictated January 23

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I am only back in the office today and am therefore this late in writing to tell you how very much I appreciated your many kindnesses.

Sunlight, space, quiet, transportation, good food, good company, broadcasting facilities, special meetings, news stories: a visit with absolutely all the trimmings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. D. C. Whittle
Miles Standish Hall
30 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Mass.

Dear Mr. Whittle:

The ablest man I know in the field you describe is Phillip Hammer, associated with Joseph K. Heyman Co., Candler Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Hammer is a youngish person who has for years cherished a plan to produce a forthright news magazine about the South.

I believe he is active in research material for Heyman & Company's news service.

He is a well trained young man with a balanced point of view.

Did we send you a copy of our pamphlet Race in the News? It has been exceedingly useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. Louis L. Jaffe
The Virginian-Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

Mrs. M. E. Tilly who works with us lately had occasion to be in company with Mr. Channing Tobias.

Mr. Tobias was overjoyed with the full warm understanding coverage by newspapers in the Hampton Roads area of the Hampton occasion when Mr. Tobias was lately there (Mr. Moron's inauguration?). He mentioned particularly the Virginian-Pilot as having carried the news in a way quite unprecedented in Mr. Tobias' experience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

We are delighted!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Thank you for your letter that came January 18.

I sent off a bundle of literature yesterday. I am looking forward to getting over to Memphis at the time you finally set.

Many thanks for your check which pays you up for the full calendar year of 1950.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Miss Marion Dudley
Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association of
Norfolk, Virginia
253 West Freemason Street

Dear Miss Dudley:

Yes indeed, I am looking forward to being in Norfolk at your luncheon Friday February 10. You may count on my appearing at the Y.W. by twelve noon for such instruction as you would wish to give me.

If you need to reach me Thursday February 9 c/o President Moron at Hampton.

Thanks for the offer of hotel reservations but I will expect regretfully to leave Norfolk on the afternoon of the tenth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal, Director
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

Thank you a lot for your kind letter of January 16.

I have received but have not gone through your statement for the Sparkman Committee which I want to read.

I am shocked to learn that Mr. Holsey is gone. He was so active and so helpful to the Council.

Our nice Miss Elizabeth Taylor as you probably know is married now to one Courtney Siceloff. They are living at Pendle Hill while he finishes at Paverford. Some talk they will go before long to Penn School on St. Helena's Island, but I don't know.

Come to see us if you ever come over here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. of
Durham, N. C.
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Clement:

I did greatly appreciate your encouraging report from Charleston. I also appreciate the opportunity to read Mrs. Waring's address which had not to me.

Your company is one which I honor. Mr. Spaulding as you probably know recently bought a thousand copies of Race in the News and sent it out to policy holders.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950
Dictated January 23

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

I have been down in Florida since your good letter of January 5 came in. Congratulations on that fine program. Push her through!

So far as I can learn, everything is all set for Mrs. Tilly to appear at your meeting. The best of luck.

We are all grateful for you steady and most able leadership.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Dear Luther:

Thanks a lot for the Library of Congress letter. I have written the good lady as enclosed.

Thanks also for your comments on the local papers. They will help us.

Our Petersburg members are enclosed.

The clippings were most helpful to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Dr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

January 25, 1950

Miss Jean W. Donnelly
Service Librarian
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Donnelly:

Dr. Luther Jackson wrote us about your letter to him of January 12 on the Library's need for a copy of a pamphlet which he did for us on Negro voting in the South.

I suppose that in due time your order for a copy will come through. Meanwhile, as a glad conspirer with you to circumvent time-using rules, I send you forthwith a copy for free.

Here is also a list of all of our things. Truly a lot of them would be most useful to you and I will hope that some will be ordered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. Frank S. Horne
Assistant to the Administrator
Racial Relations Service
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Horne:

The truth is we got a lucky break in the news story in the New York Times about our most recent issue of New South.

I send you two things that may amount to a summary.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. Charles Smith
Palmerstone
The Plains, Virginia

Dear Charlie:

Thank you a lot for your letter about helpful people you know hereabouts who know about UNESCO. I have passed it on to Dr. Forrest C. Weir who is in charge of the Federal Council of Churches here.

I hope to be in Washington before so very long and will discover you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mrs. Chris Crittenton
Caswell Drive
Hayes-Barton
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Janet:

I went to Florida last week and I went to Daytona Beach and I went to the Davidson's and who should be sitting on the sofa but Janet's sister.

We had a nice time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Miss Reid:

Thank you so very much for sending me the biographical material. On the contrary, I think it sounds very interesting, indeed, particularly the "interests" makes me want to know you better myself.

Know the meeting will be a fine one and wish I could be there.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 25, 1950

Dr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Tobias:

I greatly enjoyed and greatly appreciated Dr. Anson Stokes good letter through the Berkshire Eagle which you kindly sent me on Jan. 11. A part of this letter runs closely along a theme I have used lately: the occasions will multiply in the future when this country will have cause for profoundest gratitude that as the peoples make their choice between western liberty and less democratic arrangements, the American Negro minority is conspicuously and very apparently standing for the democratic idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We haven't yet had the honor of signing you up as a member of SRC.

If you will fill in the blank at the back of this leaflet, and add the dues, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Mrs. Henry H. Hersey
211 Walnut Street
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Hersey:

The attached will give you the brief biographical material on Miss Rebecca Reid, Secretary of our South Carolina Division.

Miss Reid is a grand person as I am sure you will find out.

All good wishes for a most successful meeting.

Cordially,

~~(Mrs.)~~ Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

January 25, 1950
Dictated January 23

Dr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Tobias:

How very cheering to come back from a ten day trip to Florida and find your most kind letter of January 16.

The prospect of a thousand dollars emergency grant is a deep satisfaction; it will not only staunch our wounds, but this evidence of your own and your Board's good opinion strengthens us greatly.

Mrs. Tilly is delighted too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

Thanks a lot for your letter. That thousand will be an enormous help. Tobias wrote us that your presence and your seconding of the move of the Board were critical in the success. The check hasn't come in yet but we anticipate it hourly.

I observe your remarks about visits in New York and will do as you say.

We do warmly hope you can get here Feb. 2, but do not want to stand in the way of the Fulbright business.

By the way, there are suppose to be four to five hundred African students in this country, and I learned - on quite weak authority - that generally speaking they can not get Fulbright aid. You might dig into that and see if there is any way to get more help to them.

Do please give Leon Russell another dig. We are making good headway in getting them out in most of the other states.

I don't really fell comfortable at a meeting of the Executive Committee unless you are there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 25, 1950

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Room 202
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Reverend Smith:

It is our understanding that you would mimeograph the covering letter to be mailed out with Race in the News to the 121 county weeklies in Virginia.

We are sending you the stamped, addressed envelopes and the copies of Race in the News. The letter can be folded in half over the cover of the pamphlet. It will not be necessary to seal the envelopes but merely to fold them under.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

January 25, 1950

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Secretary for Social Action
Board of Social Missions
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Letts:

Our associate director, Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, has asked that I send you a brief article describing the work of the Southern Regional Council.

A draft of such an article is enclosed. Please feel free to change it as much as you like and to use it as you see fit. If you should like more information, I will be glad to send it promptly.

We are most grateful to you for offering us this opportunity to make the Council better known through your publication.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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January 26, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We are well along with mailing out Race in the News to the county weeklies. The bundles of addressed envelopes with letters from state division heads enclosed with copies of the pamphlet have already been sent out to Virginia, Alabama, and South Carolina and are nearly ready to go out in several other states. In Louisiana, the proposal is that special steps be taken to get the pamphlet publicized in the meeting in April of the Louisiana-Mississippi county weekly editors. We expect Mr. Schaeffer in Jackson to complete arrangements in a few days for mailing the pamphlet out to the Mississippi editors.

I think that within the next ten days, it will have been got out to all but a few hundred of the 2,000-odd weekly papers in twelve of the thirteen states.

We are mighty grateful for your kindness that played the major part in letting us do this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 26, 1950

Mr. A. R. Mead, Director
Bureau Educational Research
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Mead:

I just got, only yesterday, your kind letter of January 13 sent to me c/o Mr. L. E. Thomas at Miami.

It was good of you to make those careful arrangements for me, and I am only sorry that through an oversight in Miami, I did not get your letter in time to be on hand as you had planned on the Wednesday morning for Mr. Lewis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 26, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

In the preparation of sending out Race in the News to the county weeklies we find that you have not sent enough of your letterhead stationary.

We will need about 65 more sheets. It will not be necessary to send envelopes also because the pamphlet requires a special size which we have ordered. We are sending back those envelopes which you first mailed us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

January 26, 1950

Mrs. Paul Ray
Office of the Principal
Jefferson County Public Schools
Route 4
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Ray:

Your order, which first reached us in your letter of December 31, was mailed by this office on January 5. Apparently, the mailing went astray.

We are sending you the following pamphlets today, under separate cover, addressed as above:

1 Machines in the Cotton Fields
1 Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation
1 Wanted: An Educated South
1 Wanted: A Healthy South

I hope they will reach you in time, and greatly regret the inconvenience caused by your failure to receive our earlier mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

January 26, 1950

Mr. Henry Houser
409 Dorm B
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Houser:

Very nice to have your letter of January 24.

We would be delighted to help you fully toward a thesis on the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Council. You should be told however that somebody is already doing a pretty exhaustive one on the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. He is Edward Burrows, now teaching at Guilford College, Guilford, N. C. You and Ed, if you got together, could probably reach some division of the field, leaving you some part in which to work.

Anything we have here is wide open to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 26, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Mrs. Tilly says she will work it out so that the Kentucky Division will have some time on the program of the church women in Louisville February 17.

Mr. Hirsch finally sent us $25.00 and became a member of the Council. We had, of course, hoped for a larger sum but are grateful for that. Perhaps later on or next year, you could tempt him to greater effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

27 January 1950

Mr. L. W. Armwood, Executive Secretary
Jacksonville Urban League
704 Broad Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Armwood:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you to express his thanks for sending on the copy of the Survey Follow-Up which you presented at the Advisory Board meeting on January 20 in Jacksonville. We are very glad to have a copy of the latest report on the Survey Follow-Up and appreciate your sending it to us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

January 30, 1950

Mr. B. D. Burhoe
National Information Bureau
205 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Burhoe:

We are getting together the information you requested and hope to send it to you in a few days.

We are anxious to be correctly described with your Bureau.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 30, 1950

Mr. Richard Henry
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church
P. O. Box 543
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of January 27 and the welcome check for $5.75. We are getting the material off to you today under separate cover.

I knew that there was an interracial organization in Knoxville and have always hoped we could in some way relate it to the Council; so, anything you can do will be much appreciated.

We are also entering a subscription to New South today for the Rev. R. E. James.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

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75 sent with RACE IN THE NEWS to J.M. Dabbs 1/25/50

January 30, 1950

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Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs.

Chairman

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January 31, 1950

Mr. Raymond R. Paty
The Rich Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 4539
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paty:

You will recall that on May 4, 1949, the Council applied to the Rich Foundation for assistance. You were kind enough to write us July 27, 1949 that it had not been possible to help us that year, but that you would be glad to present the Council's needs to the Board at the beginning of this fiscal year in February, 1950.

Our need and our request are still substantially the same as in my letter to you of May, 1949. The audit for 1949 is supposed to be ready in three or four days time, and I will send you a copy of it.

It is pretty generally agreed that the Council is the one effective organization at work in this field in the South. Without the sustaining help of the Rosenwald Foundation, the struggle to keep going is hard. Yet, any demolition of the work would be a matter of dismay in wide circles throughout the South.

I append a memorandum on the Council's history and acitivities. Given the funds, we are anxious to push ahead in the fields of police administration, equal justice in the courts, still further impr vements in newspaper handling of news about Negroes, in improving the work of our state divisions, in spreading underst nding in the South of African matters, past and present, and to work with the schools to improve interracial understanding.

I send you fresh copies of our publications in the latter part of 1949.

We would be greatly helped by a grant of five thousand dollars from the Rich Foundation, and we most earnestly solicit the help of the Found tion for this request.

I will, of course, be happy to supply additional information at any point.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

January 31, 1950

Miss Alice B. Campbell
James Foundation of New York, Inc.
30 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Campbell:

Mr. Byrd has asked me to reply to your kind letter to him of January 25.

We do not really have annual printed reports, but I send various issues of our magazine New South that, to some extent, serves that purpose. I send also a copy of our audit for 1949 and a list of the present members of our Board of Directors.

Here is a memorandum which will give you in shortened form the history and some of the activities of the Southern Regional Council.

We are in the very greatest need, and I do hope that the time will be taken to go carefully into the Council's program. We are an important part of the whole South's growth in interracial understanding. We have, of design, proceded in a manner that is not spectacular but that we find is pervasively effective.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February ~~23~~ 2, 1950

Mr. John Steelman
The White House
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Paul Styles of NLRB is a completely good egg.

George S. Mitchell

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MAILED 1/30/50 t o Mrs. Crate with 352 copies of Race in the News.

February 3, 1950

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret B. Crate

Chairman

February 3, 1950

Mr. Walter E. Brown
Apt. 19, Village 1
Sheffield, Alabama

Dear Walter:

I'm delighted that you heard about the Council and my connection with it and that you and your wife have joined up. Coming separately is a packet of materials which should give you a pretty good idea of what we are trying to do.

Actually, our local activity is rather feeble in Alabama. We have an Alabama Division, chairman of which is Dr. A. D. Beittel, president of Talladega College. I'm afraid it does very little except hold a membership meeting once a year. You'll be notified of that. Fortunately, we do have some good members who are individually active in the State. Rabbi Charles Mantinband, a member of the SRC board, lives in Florence and is doing some excellent things in the Tri-City area. He would be glad to hear from you and could put you in touch with what is going on in race relations.

You can be sure you will hear from me if I get to the Tri-Cities. It would be even better if something brought you to Atlanta. Don't fail to let me know if it should.

Rabbi Mantinband's address is 206 North Wood Avenue, Florence.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming

February 3rd, 1950

Mrs. W. G. Alsabrook
Box 21
Brenham, Texas

Dear Mrs. Alsabrook:

We have your card, directed to the attention of Mrs. Saxon, asking that we send you a check in the amount of $1.50 which you state you have credited to you since 1947.

Mrs. Saxon is not now with the Council, and we are unable to find any record of this item. So won't you please write us further, giving us additional information, so that we may try again to locate it ?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 3rd, 1950

Mr. George Stoney
Southern Educational Film Production Service
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stoney:

That was so kind of you to send $10.00 to the Council through Dr. Mitchell, and we are most grateful. It arrived during a period of stress, and this made it even doubly welcome.

Thank you more than I can say.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Sec.
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

February 3, 1950

Dear Mr. Pickett,

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd has corresponded with you recently about the Southern Regional Council.

We are in most serious needs for the next few months, though we pretty certainly have funds ahead.

Do please give our problem a while in your best thoughts. What we do is gravely important to the South, and we can't work without some money. Two or three thousand soon will make a lot of difference.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Byrd

gsm/b

Miss Harriett Evison, Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

February 3, 1950

Dear Miss Evison,

Thank you for your letter of February 1.

We understand the problem of allocation, and would be warmly appreciative of help for the one year.

I will look forward to further word from you in April. Meanwhile, if more information is needed, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Byrd

gsm/b

February 6, 1950

Miss Marian Dudley
Y.W.C.A.
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Miss Dudley:

I recall my obligation to be at the Y.W. at noon Friday February 10 following my appearance at Hampton the day before. This is to say I expect to be on hand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 6, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee February 2, I told the Committee of my regret that the Council had not had sufficient funds to enable it to continue to have the benefit of the work which you have done for us and stated if at a later date the Council had funds, it would be my hope that it would be possible to work out a new employment arrangement with you.

The Executive Committee ordered that a letter be written to you expressing its regret in the circumstances and its hope likewise that it would be possible for the Council later on to advantage itself with your aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 6, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

As soon as I got back, we had the meeting of the Executive Committee and have been "busyness" itself since.

They authorized the continuance of the Council at its present level of activity through April 30 and arranged a meeting of the Executive Committee for review of finances and set up the contingency of summoning the Board for further action April 22. We have got some good sums in prospect, and I hope we will get through all right.

I had a delightful visit in your city and thank you for your own and Mr. Cohn's many kindnesses to me.

Mr. Fleming is delighted with the prospect of your article, which if received soon could get into the January-February issue of New South.

Could the New Orleans Committee meet half theexpenses of my trip? The total was $79.07 and half of that would be $39.53. If that does not seem square, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 6, 1950

Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Many thanks for your letter of January 29.

I am deeply appreciative of the Committee's gift of a personal $25.00 to me. The Council is in such serious straits that any extra $25.00 I get, I turn over to the Council as a gift and it goes on the b oks under the heading lecture fees. I will see that the books so reflect that most generous gift to me, myself.

If I can get through all I have to do today and tomorrow here, I will drive to Hampton, which means that I will be mobile on Friday afternoon, February 10, after my noonday talk at the Y.W.C.A. Mobility will draw me to Williamsburg and on to Richmond that night; wherefore, I forgo the opportunity to spend another most pleasant evening at your home the tenth.

No earthly need for you to show up again at the Y.W.C.A. for the same speech, but I will call you and discuss any matters of news. Appreciatively and with warm regards to Mr. Strauss.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

6 February 1950

Mrs. Frederick G. P oole
680 Church Street
Plymouth, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Poole:

I am writing to ask if you still need the seven copies of the survey Manual which we were unable to supply you with when you requested them a month or so ago. We have finally gotten another edition mimeographed, so if you can still use them, we will be glad to send them on.

I hope you are making good progress on the Plymouth survey.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

6 February 1950

Miss Mildred D. Hoyt
928 Willow Road, #2
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Hoyt:

In reply to your recent request for information about interracial programs in the South, we are sending you under separate cover a number of our publications which will give you some idea of the Council's program in that field. Our program is a broad one devoted mainly getting and disseminating the facts about the region's problems and progress in health, education, welfare, law enforcement, race relations, and so on. For specific action programs, we rely on our State Divisions, local chapters, and our members who are scattered widely throughout the region.

Although we have no special program related to youth and education, our publications are widely used in schools and colleges throughout the Southern States. You will see from the publications list I am sending the kinds of things we distribute.

An interesting program has been carried on in New Orleans for the past few years. There, teachers of both races have annually met together in a training institute in order to discuss their common interests and plan ways to deal with common problems. Various civic and church groups have cooperated in sponsoring this institute, and the teachers have received teaching credit for their attendance. You may be able to get further information about the Institute from Mrs. Irving H. Cohn, Executive Secretary of the New Orleans Chapter of the Southern Regional Council, 1122 Lowerline, New Orleans, La.

For information about other programs, the following sources may prove helpful: the NAACP; the Southeastern Area Student Council of the YWCA (63 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta 3, Ga.); the National Student Association (304 N. Park St., Madison 5, Wisconsin); and the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen (P.O. Box 577, Chapel Hill, N.C.).

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 6, 1950

Dr. Harry E. Hadley,
Commonwealth Fund
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

My, dear Dr. Hadley,

This is to follow Mr. Thomas F. Byrd's letter of the other day with a request for specific aid to the Southern Regional Council.

I append a memorandum, that will tell you in detail about our work and our needs. In addition, I send various of our more recent publications. We should be glad, of course, to send you an audit for the year just closed, or any other information that might assist the Fund in reaching a decision.

Clearly one of the pressing needs of the near future in the South will be the creation of a public opinion which understands the importance of fairness in all matters of employment, and which can work in detail throughout the whole South, not only at revealing the rightness and advantage of fairness, but at getting people to assist the patient, instance-by-instance task of personnel adjustment that will sooner or later be put upon public or private agencies.

The Council already enlists the cream of each State's people, of both races, who will carry temperateness and a burden of conviction in this area. What is done in the making of a favorable Southern opinion will be done mostly by these people. While they are members of the Council, they are admittedly less strongly organized than they should be in most of the States. We have Divisions of the Council in South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and North Carolina, and we have affiliated State Interracial Committees in Georgia and Texas. In Virginia, we work closely with the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches, and in Louisiana, the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations is a Chapter of the Southern Regional Council. Thus we have organizations going (and most of them are long-established) in every Southern State except Oklahoma and Arkansas, and of course we have scattered individual membership in those States.

But only in two or three of the States is full or part-time paid personnel at work organizing and carrying through on effective local action. With eleven or twelve thousand dollars a year, we could put enough in lump sums into the various State organizations to enable them to get paid executive secretaries (who would of course have to find through their memberships substantial additional support). It is this project which is proposed to the Commonwealth Fund as a suitable way of helping the Council and the South.

We all know that what is done will only be done with earnest and toilsome work by Southern people, in their own localities. We have the framework which can most surely carry the task, but it will take this extra amount to enable us to get from Southerners themselves the much greater interest and effort toward justice they are anxious to show.

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Executive Director

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February 1,1950

Dr. Harry E. Hadley,
Commonwealth Fund
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

This is to express to you my thanks for giving me some of your time to tell you about the work of the Southern Regional Council. I have reported our conversation to our director, Dr. George Mitchell, and said to him that you told me we might submit an application for an allocation from the Commonwealth Fund. You will no doubt shortly have such an application from him, with certain information about the organization, which you may desire. Of course, we will be glad to send you anything else more in detail if you want it. The field of human relations and especially the race relations aspect of it, I feel, has been greatly neglected in the past but is a cause which is going to be much in the front in the next few years.

Suddenly, we begin to realize that we must find means of cooperation and getting along together in order to build up a better and more useful society. The field of race relations especially in the South furnishes a great opportunity for some organization such as your to help do an outstanding job.

I hope you may choose at least one project in our program which you will finance. The Council thinks it can prove to your organization that it can do an outstanding job.

I sincerely hope that your Fund will give our application every consideration.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas F. Byrd
Associate Director

TFB:gm

6 February 1950

Miss Audrey Ann Appel
Somers House
2100 Foxhall Road
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Miss Appel:

As you requested in your letter of January 31, we are sending you separately some material which will give you the information you wanted.

We are also enclosing a leaflet describing the Council itself and an annotated publications list, in which you may find other material which could be useful to you.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 7, 1950

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans 19, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

I had a most pleasant visit with Mr. Lewis and felt honored to have made his acquaintance. He said he would consider our request.

We need his help desperately, and I do hope he will give it. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to him.

I missed Bishop Brooks though I talked with people in his office. I have written him as enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

7 February 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

I would appreciate it if you would let me know by return mail the details of the Alabama Division annual meeting in Montgomery on the 14th of this month. If Dr. Mitchell has returned from out of town, he and I will plan on being there; if not, Mr. Fleming and I will come. In any case, we should like to know where and when the meeting will be held and what program is being planned.

Thank you for your trouble. (If you have already sent us this information, please forgive our requesting it again -- we have been unable to find it in our files.)

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again next week.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

February 7, 1950

Mr. Ray Warwick
United Steelworkers of America
District 38, C. I. O.
Room 219, 610-16th Street
Oakland 12, California

Dear Ray:

Having been in the same position yourself, you can sympathize, I'm sure, with this apologetic and unhelpful answer to your letter. Things have been going on locally, but we haven't been able to get them into print. I'm sending separately some odds and ends about community programs in general. Also the follow-up report, crudely annotated, on the Jax survey.

The only other thing I can give you is a brief description of three of SRC's local-action projects which are doing some good.

(1) Self-surveys. About four or five in various stages -- the farthest-along in Greenville, S. C. There, the findings are mostly complete and should be published soon. The survey aroused a lot of enthusiasm among the townsfolk, and the wholesome by-products were about the same as in Jacksonville: Negro co-chairmen, new respect, improved newspaper practices, allocation of money for Negro schools, new branch of the YWCA for Negroes, etc. Sponsor is the Council of Social Agencies. In view of the Willie Earl lynching and trial, maybe there's an angle for you here.

(2) Program with church women ("The Fellowship of the Concerned"). Under Mrs. Tilly's direction, several thousand church women scattered about the South have signed a pledge to get busy when tension arises, to push for equal justice, and so on. Some of them turned out for the Klan flogging trials in Rome. In Atlanta a group of them called on the judge following a near-lynching in his courtroom. A number of them in Georgia have brought pressure on their legislators to get behind the Anti-Mask Bill. It looks as though money may be found to get the program rolling in other states, too.

(3) "Race in the News". This little booklet is turning out to be a giant-killer. I wouldn't have believed it, but newspapers all over the place are showing the effect of it. What's happening is that delegations of church women, Negro civic leaders, preachers, and sundry "liberals" are calling on their local editors, booklet in hand. (It has already been sent to every paper, daily and weekly, in the South.) Of course, the newspapers don't go all the way down the line, and they don't change overnight. But, when they realize that somebody in the community is keeping tabs on such things, they begin to improve. In Atlanta (following the "treatment") both the Journal and the Constitution have begun using courtesy titles, pictures, and decent news and feature stories about Negro happenings. The same is true of at least a dozen Southern metropolitan dailies. In more primitive places, they have started capitalizing "Negro" and cutting down on crime headlines featuring race.

Sketchy, I know, but maybe you can pick up a sentence or two.

All goes well -- except financially. This will go down in SRC history as the Tight Belt Era. Publicity comes out pleasingly. Does any of it ever get out there? Since it's an election year in Georgia, Talmadge is beating the tom-toms over us again. It seems I have made the mistake of being one of the two plaintiffs in a new county-unit suit.

We look forward to seeing you and Anna this Spring. Meanwhile, everybody's best to both of you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

7 February 1950

Mrs. Mary Evarts
Bear Creek Pike
RFD 2
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Evarts:

At your suggestion we wrote last month to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mitchell (609 North High Street, Columbia, South Carolina), sending them information about the Council and asking them to become members.

Mail sent to that address, however, has been returned to us marked "Unclaimed". Do you have a later or better address for the Mitchells? If so , we would appreciate your sending it on to us so that we may write them again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK: jps

February 7, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

This is the upshot of the meeting of the Executive Committee, February 2, 1950. The full minutes of the meeting will come forward to you in a few days.

The Committee asked that this letter be prepared for Mr. Williams signature, but that it also be reviewed by Miss Josephine Wilkins, Dr. Gordon Hancock and you, in your capacity as Counselor.

If you will, return it to me with corrections, I will assemble the corrected copies and forward them to Mr. Williams to mail out to the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

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February 7, 1950

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Dear Editor;

This pamphlet, called Race in the News, is being generally praised as a temperate set of suggestions for the Press to use in matters involving race.

I am able to send it to you partly through the aid of the editor of the Greenville, Mississippi Delta Democrat-Times, Mr. Hodding Carter, who is one of the Council's Board members.

The Southern Press is notably giving attention to fairness and considerateness in stories having a race aspect.

I would be grateful for your study of the pamphlet, and for your use in the paper of such of its guides as may seem workable.

Sincerely,

G. E. Clary

Chairman

February 7, 1950

Mrs. Georgea T. Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

How very nice indeed to be in the office on Saturday Morning and open the mail and find your welcome letter and the check for a whole five hundred dollars.

We are most grateful for Independent Aid's appropriation. It will help very substantially toward getting the Fellowship of the Concerned under way.

Our most cordial appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

7 February 1950

Miss Edwina C. Williams
Department of Sociology
Texas State University for Negroes
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Miss Williams:

In your order of December 16, 1949, you stated that a money order for the materials you were ordering had already been sent. We accordingly shipped the following pamphlets to you on December 23:

10 cc. - America's Tenth Man
9 cc. - The Conditions of our Rights
9 cc. - Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation.

Our records reveal that no such money order has been received. We are sorry to bother you with these details, but we would appreciate it if you could straighten the matter out with your college business office. Ordinarily, we would send a bill, but in this case we do not know whom to bill.

The amount owed us is as follows:

America's Tenth Man.....	10 cc. @ 10¢.....	$1.00
Condition of our Rights...	9 cc. @ 20¢.....	1.80
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation	9 cc. @ 20¢.....	1.80
	TOTAL.....	$4.60

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:jps

February 8, 1950

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt College
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Frank:

I am to be in Chicago at somebody else's expense to do a movie recording February 16 and 17.

I think I have some free time Thursday Afternoon and Friday Afternoon. If you can think of anybody there I ought to beg at, will you be deciding when and where?

We are making a stout push to get a five thousand dollardemergency grant from Marshall Field. So far, we have been corresponding with New York. Anything I should do in Chicago?

Try to get a letter to me if you can by early next week.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Very many thanks for your letter of February 2.

I am free from Wednesday, February 22 to Saturday February 25. If I could help you by a trip to Gainesville during that time, I would be delighted to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mr. C. E. Perkins, City Manager
City of Winston-Salem
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I appreciate your letter of January 30 about Negro firemen and wish I could supply you with the full information you want.

A national survey of colored fire fighters was made in 1946 by a Lt. Royal E. Towns who is now in Oakland, California. The southern towns which were then shown to have Negro firemen were as follows: Charleston, S. C. Nashville, Tenn. (confirmed by story in Atlanta Daily World, 4/20/49, and Mobile, Ala. (Creole Fire Fighting Company - does not consider itself Negro.)

In addition, the Atlanta Daily World 4/20/49 made the statement that Louisville, Ky. has at least three stations, including two captains and two lieutenants.

The Durham, (N. C.) Herald of 7/3/49 stated that both Warrenton, N. C. and Princeton, N. C. have Negro fireman. It spoke of six other EasternNorth Carolina towns (un-named) that are served by Negro auxiliary firemen, all members of the N.C. Colored Volunteer Fire Association.

This is most scrappy information. The Council wants to get a complete record of the situation but has not as yet had the funds to do it.

For what use the material may be, I send you several of our publications bearing on the question of Negro police.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8th, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton, Treasurer
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
212 Auburn Avenue N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Milton:

The staff of the Southern Regional Council, wishing to honor the memory of Dr. R. L. Russell, Chairman of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, is making this gift of ten dollars to the Georgia Committee in lieu of flowers.

In this token of our respect and esteem we wish to add our tribute to the long life of useful service which he devoted to others.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

February 8th, 1950

Mrs. R. L. Russell
1323 N. Highland Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The staff of the Southern Regional Council, wishing to honor the memory of Dr. Russell, is making a small contribution to the work of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, in token of their esteem and affection.

We wanted you to know.

With deepest sympathy from us all,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

McK/hs

February 8, 1950

Mrs. F. Earl McLendon
1367 Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McLendon:

Two weeks or so ago I had the pleasure of being in Daytona to talk to the Good Neighbor Club there.

One of those present was Mrs. Nellie F. Francis who asked me to convey to you her warmest regards.

The Council honors your husband's work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mrs. John W. Arrington, Jr.
10 Clarendon Road, Sans Souci
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Arrington:

Mr. J. M. Dabbs at Mayesville wrote me the other day that you had been so very kind as to tell him that early this year you expected to be able to help our good Council with the sizeable sum of $25.00 and that you would like to be put down as one to receive New South.

We will make you a full member of the Council. Indeed, a twenty-five dollar member is a sustaining member, and that will carry a subscription to New South with it. Meanwhile, I send you a copy of each of last years issues. We are a bit delayed on the first 1950 one but hope to get it out soon.

We welcome every scrap of news about the Greenville survey.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Very many thanks for that nice letter about Mrs. Arrington. I have written her as enclosed.

South Carolina's aid was like a month in a oxygen tent. Breathing is still difficult outside the tent.

It was grand to have that help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

8 February 1950

Mr. Cecil D. Halliburton
Sociology Department
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Halliburton:

We have shipped to you today the four (4) copies of the Home Town Self-Survey Manual which you ordered. The bill is enclosed.

We regret that the complete report of the Jacksonville survey, Jacksonville Looks at its Negro Community, is out of print. However, we have sent you four (4) copies of By The P eople, which is a simplified, condensed version of the official report. If these are not satisfactory for your use, you may of course return them and your money will be refunded. We are enclosing a separate bill for these, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

8 February 1950

Mr. Wright Bryan, Editor
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Yesterday your secretary called this office and asked us for material on the Negro in Atlanta to send to a student at the Loomis School in Connecticut.

This is to advise you that we are sending you separately the material you requested.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 8, 1950

Mr. Clifford F. Steele
c/o James T. White & Co.
101 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Steele:

You kindly wrote January 31 about your coming visit to Atlanta.

I expect to be in the city pretty much the whole of the last ten days in February and will be delighted to help you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mr. Darrell Randall
1661 East 82nd Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Randall:

That was most kind indeed of you to sit down and write me with advice on how to pursue my African project. I will so pursue.

Meanwhile, if the Council can help you in any way let us know, We all enjoyed your visit very much.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Mrs. Nellie F. Francis
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Francis:

My apologies! I had forgotten, and I believe you asked me to give your regards to Mrs. McLendon a full year ago too.

Anyway, this time I have written Mrs. McLendon and told her I had the pleasure of talking with you and that the Council honored her husband's career.

I greatly enjoyed at Daytona the opportunity to talk with the students from Africa out at the College.

We will get your address straightened out and I hope New South will come around regularly. My regards to my many friends at the college and in Daytona.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Rev. John G. Masterson, O.P.
St. Anthony's Priory
4640 Canal Street
New Orleans 19, La.

Dear Father Masterson:

That was most kind of you to write me and even before I had got around to thanking you and the Sisters and Father Vitie for all those many kindnesses the other day.

It was a special privilege to talk to your fine group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 8, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We were sorry at the Executive Committee Meeting the other day that our inflexibility in setting the date had made it impossible for you to get to the meeting. We all missed you.

We closed the year 1949 with the books showing no greater debt than $3500.00, but there is another $1,600.00 that the Council owes me, and we have accrued an obligation to Mr. Byrd, the money raiser, of $3,500.00, as to which he is pleasantly not at all pressing.

Current income is no where near going to run us, and we are going deeper and deeper into debt with each month. Byrd's activities look like they are going to pay off soon. We ought to find six or seven thousand a year from church denominations above what we are already netting from them, and it looks fairly safe to suppose that everybody's work with the foundations will get us probably ten thousand dollars fairly soon. Meanwhile, we run on at three thousand dollars a month for our total expenditures. Of course, there is the future matter of the inheritance which will put us on easy street, but we never know when. The Executive Committee felt justified in continuing us through April 30 but felt also that the Board ought to be put on notice of the grave financial plight. Accordingly, in a few days, you will be receiving the memorandum the Committee wanted sent out to the Board.

The Executive Committee will meet again Friday, March 31. I do hope that date will find a blank space on your calendar.

The matter of Mr. Lewis Starr is hung up. You wrote him a fine stout letter before you went to India. I phoned Peyton Williams about that time, and Williams said he was going to see Starr and would bring the matter up. Since then, despite two telephone calls and a letter, I can get no word from Peyton Williams. It seems to me almost too much to ask you to call either Peyton or Mr. Starr and try to bring that one to a boil. Nevertheless, I haven't the money to go to Nashville, so I ask your kindness if you can take a further step in it.

The next two months tell the tale. If we can come into twelve or fifteen thousand dollars, we will get through. If we don't, I am afraid we will be through!

We are asking Marshall Field for an emergency five thousand dollars. Channing Tobias will help. So will Dr. Will. So will Mrs. Roosevelt personally with Louis Weiss. If you have an opportunity for one of your respective wise words on that matter, do please use it.

Dean Faulkner has asked me to Fisk April 4, and I look forward to going.

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd

George S. Mitchell

February 9, 1950

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I came across a remarkably fine memorandum by Mr. Ernest E. Neal, Director of the Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute, on Low-Income Negro Farm Families and Economic Stability in the Cotton South. This was read December 15, 1949 before the sub-committee on low-income families of the joint committee on the economic report.

I have only one copy but I have asked Mr. Neal to send one to you.

You will remember that he was being considered as one to appear at the Catholic Education Conference in New Orleans in April.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal, Director
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to send a copy of your statement on Low-income Negro Farm Families and Economic Stability in the Cotton South to each of the following:

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Boris Scherbak
1978 Devinney Circle Apt. #5
Chamblee, Georgia

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
718 Mortgage Guarantee Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

I wrote you on June 24, 1949 that we would be at pains in auditing our accounts for the year 1949 to show individually our expenditures of moneys for home town self survey project.

Here is a copy of the audit for last year.

We continue to be mighty grateful for that help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Mr. James A. Smith, Jr.
The Divinity School
Yale University
New Haven 11, Conn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We found the MS. you wished, and mail it herewith. Do please return it.

You might find other helpful materials by writing to Miss Thelma Stevens, Sec. Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. and perhaps also by writing Dr. R. B. Eleazer, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn. When you write Miss Stevens, tell her we have already consulted Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

Send us anything you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Dr. Gordon Lovejoy
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Gordon:

What is the next step on Mr. Strauss?

Would there be some possible opportunity of you, he and me to get together on the forthcoming Atlanta leg of your journey northward?

I have sent him by way of reminder this memorandum which we did recently to summarize the Council's work and the enclosed letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I find that I have never answered your letter about Mr. Grundfest.

That was a cordial and sensitive answer he gave you, and I am deeply appreciative of your effort.

When I can get to Little Rock, I will go and see him,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950
Dictated Feb. 7, 1950

Mrs. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Dabbs:

What a cheerful nice letter to find on my return from a trip! I don't think Miss Minahan has as yet sent us on the check from Mr. Martin, but like all those other South Carolina checks "we assure you they will find immediate use"

I am driving to Hampton, Va. starting tonight and will try my best to steer my minute auto to Mayesville. Perhaps, I can coincide with Mr. Dabbs' return.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Miss Betty Yarbrough, Editor
News-Views
The Veterans Training School
Greenville City Schools
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Miss Yarbrough:

I think I have written you once or twice before to say what a very fine paper News-Views is.

I work at interracial things and I am, therefore, the prouder of your good habit of giving the Negro veterans an even break in your paper.

I send you another copy of Race in the News as an award of merit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Miss Reid:

You helped a great deal, and I am grateful.

I appreciate all the news also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950
Dictated February 7

Mr. Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
The Central Christian Advocate
631 Baronne Street
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

It was a pleasure to see you last night. I had hoped for a longer conversation but when I turned about, you had moved along.

The grand editorial from the Advocate came. We are most grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Mr. Daniel Lichtenberg
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lichtenberg:

Thank you for your letter of January 30.

I am happy to send you a list of the members of the Council in the cities you mentioned.

I am sure you will find any of these people anxious to be of assistance to the work you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 9, 1950

Dr. Channing Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Tobias:

I am most grateful for your letter of February 2 about our proposed letter to Marshall Field. Here is a copy of the letter sent to him.

A copy of this material has gone also to Mr. Maxwell Hahn.

I have written to Dr. Alexander asking that he give his urgency to this emergency request.

I am also writing Mr. Byrd who is away on a trip and asking him to be sure that Mrs. Roosevelt is reminded of her willingness to speak to Mr. Louis Weiss.

We are still feeling the sustaining force of the thousand dollars which you so kindly sent.

We will heed your advice and not at this time make any other appeal to Mr. Field than for this five thousand emergency grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

February 9, 1950

Mr. Howard G. McClain, Executive Secretary
Temperance League of South Carolina
Methodist Center
Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. McClain:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about your proposal to study the publication policies of weekly newspapers in South Carolina.

Enclosed is a copy of the questionnaires we sent out to weeklies in Georgia, Alabama, and Virginia in the preparation of "Race in the News". Probably you will not want to question the editors in such detail about racial news. Perhaps questions 4, 7, and 12 would be most pertinent, but you can judge that.

We are glad you are including these matters in your survey and look forward to seeing the results. Let us know whenever we can cooperate.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

February 9, 1950

Mr. Ronald A. Wittreich
Tiger Inn
Princeton University
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Wittreich:

I am sorry to say that we have nothing comprehensive in print on recreational opportunities for Negroes. Enclosed is a copy of New South for October, 1949, which contains progress reports on racial matters for six southern states. Several of them, including that on Florida, mention developments in recreation.

As to the question you pose, there is no doubt that the Negro's recreational and social behavior is heavily determined by the segregation pattern. There is no reason to believe that there would be any marked difference in this respect between the two racial groups if opportunities were equal or identical. Whatever differences there might be should almost certainly prove to be the result of cultural conditioning rather than inherent traits.

For detailed information on your subject, I might suggest that you write the following organization:

National Recreation Association
315 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

February 9, 1950

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council directed that the following resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council:

> "We wish to express our grief at the passing of Dr. R. L. Russell, director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. Dr. Russell's years as a devoted advocate of mutual human dignity crowned a lifetime of service to the cause of religion. His loss is mourned not only by his thousands of friends, but by all the people of Georgia."

The formal resolution reflects the very warmest appreciation by us all for Dr. Russell's devoted and unselfish work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Mrs. R. L. Russell
1323 Highland Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

February 9, 1950

Mrs. Irma B. Blackwell
RFD #2 Box 9
Chase City, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Blackwell:

Mr. A. G. Richardson tells me that he has sent on to you the correspondence I have had with people in the state school board about getting aid from the Negro Supervisors' Association in Virginia in distributing this little pamphlet Race in the News.

With the help of Mr. Emerson Smith of the Virginia Council of Churches, the pamphlet is just now being mailed out to each of the county weeklies in Virginia (as it is in all other southern states). You will have seen also that it has been sent to all the daily papers throughout the South by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

We are most anxious to get local follow-ups through visits, little green book in hand, to the editors. The improvement that has come in many, many papers as a result of such visits is remarkable and permanent. Yet, it isn't enough just to get the pamphlet to the papers. It must be read by people with a sensitive conscience and be read by numbers of such people.

Our Council struggles on the barest budget. Could not the Negro Supervisors' Association tap this or that small independent treasury and buy two hundred or five hundred or a thousand copies at fifteen cents each and get them out into the hands of people in the state who will take effective local action?

Mr. Luther Jackson at Petersburg has been helping us plan a campaign of this sort in Virginia, and I am sure will speak most cordially of the Council and of this purpose.

Will you be kind enough to write me what you think might be done?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 10, 1950

Dr. Will Alexander
New Hope Farm RFD
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

You were kind enough to write us about an appeal to Marshall Field for an emergency grant to the Council. We have written up such an appeal. It was Channing Tobias' suggestion that we not ask the Field Foundation at this time for a larger and continuing grant, but to do our best to get this five thousand dollars emergency grant. Such a sum would be life-giving.

Mr. Byrd, a couple of months ago, had Mrs. Roosevelt's personal promise to speak to Mr. Louis Weiss, about us and our need.

Tobias says we should put all the steam we have into this application. We hope he can help us quite substantially at the Board Meeting.

Will you be kind enough, if it suits your judgement, to write to Mr. Weiss and whome ever else you ought and urge that this goes through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 10, 1950

Mr. J. H. Black
240 P. K. Y. Building
University of Fla.
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Black:

Hi! Thank you very much. We are delighted to have you as a member.

I sent February 5 quite a batch of pamphlets. Unfortunately, the speech isn't in print and can't be until we can get the money to pay a batch of clerks to work on it and pen it out in detail.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

10 February 1950

N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us your pamphlet, Survey of the Negro Vote in the 1948 Presidential Election, containing a tabular summary by states and published January 1949. This pamphlet was listed in the Pamphlet Index, but no price was given. If there is a charge, please bill the Southern Regional Council.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 10, 1950

Mr. Dave Grundfest
14 Edgehill Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grundfest:

Brooks Hays wrote you about the Southern Regional Council, and you were kind enough to consider our needs with care some months ago.

You found you could not help us, and, of course, we quite understand.

Nevertheless, I send you a memorandum recently done about the Council - to keep us in your mind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 10, 1950

Mr. Morton McDonald
120 West New York Ave.
Deland, Florida

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On my last visit to Daytona, I made an opportunity to go out to Bethune-Cookman College and meet for a while with the ten or eleven students from Africa who are there. They are interesting young people, and, each, of course, represented enormous sacrifice by their parents. Passage is $750.00, the exchange is against them, and the British don't want them to come over here. Too, they get no Fullbright Aid. They come for a "world view."

There are somewhere between four and five hundred of them in this country altogether. They had a convention at Bethune-Cookman last Christmas Time and set up an African Students Council, and elected one of the Bethune-Cookmen young poeple A. Babbs Fafunwa, as President. He is quite a presentable young man, speaks good English, and has good personsality and dignity.

As I traveled about Florida, I tried to reach a few people in church groups and in colleges who could do what might be possible to get some of these visitors into contact with American life in general. They could be asked to speak at missionary societies or at college religious gatherings or something of that sort. There are eight or nine more at Tallahassee and four or five at Edward Waters.

I had a letter today from Mr. Fafunwa thanking me for my visit. He went on to say that he had lately gone to Deland and taken the Graduate Record Examination at Stetson University and had suffered many indignities in spite of his protest that he was a foreign student just there two days for the examination. Accordingly, the Manager of the Cafeteria on the campus told him that he (the manager) did not care a mite from where he came, that he was just colored and out he must go. "I don't know, Dr. Mitchell but this is a very sorry affair. That's why I am not in the habit of leaving the campus for anywhere--to avoid any mental torture as a human being, who has his dignity to protect. I only hope that things will change for the better in due course."

Of course, I realize that at any given time these things are insoluable. Yet, it is possible by careful arrangement to provide a kind of courtesy. A good many southern white colleges worked it out in the early post war period whenNegro veterans

were to be at campases having Veterans Service Centers where veterans of any race in certain catagories were to take vocations tests, etc.; I believe the Veterans Administration, by contact with the college, arranged that lodging and entertainment would be available for Negro veterans on campasses where they were remote from town

I merely take the liberty of writing this to you as one who I know is sincere and will share concern. I never advocate a stir in these matters, but I thought that, perhaps, by letting you know about it, you might in some quiet way contrive this or that that would for future contacts ease the problem for students.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 10, 1950

Mr. A. Babbs Fafunwa
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

I appreciated your letter. Two or three people here at the Council are writing to friends in Deland with the view to making things easier for the next young people who go over for examinations at Stetson. I am glad you let us know.

My best wishes to all your friends. Let the Council help you in any way it can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 10, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
740 Park Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Field:

This is a plea for an emergency grant of five thousand dollars to the Southern Regional Council.

I append a memorandum with history. The Council is the only effective organization at work in the South in this field and its continuance and growth is of real importance to the progress of interracial understanding in the whole South. The audit for 1949, copy of which is attached, will provide the background for our present need.

We are making the most strenuous efforts to replace the backlog contribution from the Rosenwald Fund. We have excellent prospects for increased and broadening support from national and southern church organizations which we believe will, in good part, supply the essential backlog; but it will be several months before we can know the outcome of our efforts with the church groups and elsewhere for sustaining amounts.

Meanwhile, we are in the greatest need for funds for current operation. I do hope that it will be possible for the Field Foundation to come to our aid in this emergency situation.

I will not burden the Foundation's files with miscellaneous materials about the Council now, but we will, of course, be happy to supply in the greatest detail any information that may be desired.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

February 13, 1950

Mr. George Weisenborn
674 Irving Park, Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

See if you can airmail me check for $95.80 to get me to Chicago and back.

George Mitchell

February 13, 1950

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, President
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Dr. Moron:

I am most grateful for that pleasant stay at Hampton and for the opportunity it gave me to get the Council known to Hampton students.

That was a most generous check! Thanks a lot.

I spent the night with my friend Warner Moss at Williamsburg. He will be in touch with you; but, meanwhile, recall him as some one who would like to be associated with Hampton's work.

My cordial appreciation to Mrs. Moron for all her kindnesses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 13, 1950

Mr. William Ellyson
Miller & Rhoads
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Bill:

Here is a copy of my little green book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 13, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dossie and Warner:

Thanks for Grandmamma's great bed, the best of company, beef steak for dinner, and a fine breakfast.

My only sorrow is that Alice could not share those pleasant things with me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

February 13, 1950

Mr. Roscoe E. Lewis
Social Science Department
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am most grateful for your kindness in arranging my appearance at Hampton. I enjoyed those classes.

Call on the Council for any help it can ever be to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 13, 1950

Miss Celeste Mason
Social Security Board
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Miss Celeste Mason:

That was just mighty kind of you to come all the way out to Hampton for my speech making. It made me feel like old times to have part of the Farm Security Administration there.

Do come on and join the Council. You will like it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 13, 1950

Dr. Guy Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

I talked by telephone from Fayetteville to Mr. Leon Russell the night of Feb 9. It was too late for me to get to Greenville at a respectable hour.

He gave us his okay on getting out Race in the News to the county weeklies in North Carolina on a made-up mimeographed letterhead.

Certain other letters about the general meeting in North Carolina he said had come to life on Guerney Hood's desk quite lately and that they would get them out very soon now. I did not get to Raleigh so did not see Guerney Hood.

If you have opportunity to stir Mr. Hood, that would be very helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 13, 1950

Rev. Warren E. Hall
Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.
Australia

Dear Mr. Hall:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send me two such inviting looking books. I will get into them at once.

Is there not some way the new Fullbright thing could solve your problems?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. Alex Weinstein
Committee Chairman
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1000 Eleventh Street, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Dr. Kittrell has sent us on your kind letter to her of February 8 about literature from the Southern Regional Council for the third AnnualConference on Civil Liberties February 23-24.

We are mailing to the clearing house a bundle of material.

We appreciate this opportunity to get our things before the group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell
Howard University
Washinton, D. C.

Dear Dr. Kittrell:

I have promised away February 24 and 23 for some lectures at Gainesville, Fla. We will count on you tofully represent us at the third annual conference on civil liberties.

We have arranged for the literature to go up to Mr. Alex Weinstein. Thank you very much. It pleases us that they remembered. Do write and tell us all about the meeting.

Charles M. Smith who now lives at Hotel Martinique and is a competent guy in the UNESCO is one of our Board Members. If you have time it would be well to invite him. He is a useful guy to pull in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1114½ Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Your fine letter of January 4 reached the office the day after I went off for a weeks travel. We do thank you for all that detail and most helpful comment.

Mr. Fleming is sending back the newspaper materials you sent.

So far, the only ~~library~~ in Mississippi receiving New South is the Library of the University of Mississippi. That was mighty kind indeed of you to work at it. Even if they haven't ordered it, they got reminded of something useful.

It was a pleasure for all of us to see you in Atlanta last week. Warm regards to Mr. Schaeffer and all the others when you see them.

In regard to the order from Jackson College Library, we have no record of a subscription or order from them. Mrs. McKoy suggests that perhaps we have been confused with some one else. If that is not the case, ask them to please rewrite the order or if it was a subscription, perhaps they would give us the exact date of that and tell us whether or not it was paid at the time the order was sent in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Rice Hotel
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I got back into town Monday Morning and busied myself about Bishop Wright. The best I could do was relay to him, through his wife, all items of your message excepting by omission the fact that Mr. Rogers was to appear at 4:15 on the fifteenth. I felt pretty sure Mrs. Wright would get the message through to her then asleep husband.

There was no opportunity to get the sixteen packets to him or to get them to Jacksonville in time. For that, I am sorry.

Edgar Stern sent us three hundred dollars.

Dr. Clement sent us one hundred dollars with his letter. A copy of the letter going out from Dr. Clement and Dr. Hancock is enclosed. I think it is good.

Your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt goes forward today Airmail. A copy is enclosed.

Leonard Haas called yesterday. He had talked to Dick Rich, and he felt somewhat discouraged Rich having said their foundation had never given to anything before but a purely local Atlanta cause and he feared they had chartered clauses forbidding such a gift. Nevertheless, exceptions were possible, etc.

I think Haas felt the probability is greatly injured but still was not without considerable hope. That is a critical sum to us, and we need it now.

I will do what I can in Chicago but don't feel much likelihood of looking into fruitful interview with Mrs. Blaine. I have your list of foundations.

Mail has moved speedily either to you or to Mrs. McKenny for her sorting and forwarding. We will hover for news from Texas.

You had this incoming from BishopGregg. It has not been answered but the pressure seemed to me to be off because you already had arrangements worked out for Rogers to appear for Gregg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. N. B. Watts
Y. M. C. A.
State College Station
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Watts:

Here is the cut you wrote for February 10.

No need to return it. I have some others.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. Alan Haywood
C. I. O.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Haywood:

For the last twenty years, I have been closely acquainted with a poor rural Negro family in central Virginia. The man is sometimes a farm laborer but for the last several years has been employed in small county flour mill. I have known them in disease, hunger, relief, and almost every other kind of need. Lately, they have been pulling up in the world with a good house and a bit of a farm with a cow, some pigs and chickens.

When I had a government job, I used to judge the government agencies by whether their finger tips reached down as far as Houston Johnson. Surplus Commodities did it. Ultimately, rural electrification reached them.

Two or three days ago, I was at Houston's home, and he told me he had joined the C.I.O.

He is getting $.85 an hour, and the C.I.O man said the right rate was $1.25. I don't know what will happen as the local is really not yet organized, and it will be tough in a small county mill. I don't even know what union it is. As Houston said, "It's on the button." But, my warm admiration for an organization that gets to my friend and does him good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal, Director
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

Thanks a lot for your letter of February 7. I can't imagine any people I would rather be with or any problem I would rather learn about than that.

It is on my calendar to be at your service those three days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Rev. Jesse E. Beard, Secretary-Treasurer
The Pension Dept. of the A.M.E. Church
414 Eighth Avenue, South
Nashville 4, Tenneesee

Dear Mr. Beard:

On behalf of Paul Williams I thank you most warmly for your letter of February 9. We have written as enclosed to all of them and I do hope they all will become members of the Council.

It is just through just acts of kindness as yours that the Council gets ahead in usefulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Rev. E. C. Hatcher, Editor
The Southern Christian Recorder
414 Eighth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hatcher:

The Rev. Jesse E. Beard was kind enough to write in to us with a suggestion that we ask you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council.

We are most anxious to have you and hope that you will fill in the enclosed blank and send it in.

The Council is a most useful agency, now more so than ever before. It gets its work done through its members, and we greatly hope that we may have your help in the effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Rev. Andrew White
414 Eighth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. White:

The Rev. Jesse E. Beard was kind enough to write in to us with a suggestion that we ask you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council.

We are most anxious to have you and hope that you will fill in the enclosed blank and sent it in.

The Council is a most useful agency, now more so than ever before. It gets its work done through its members, and we greatly hope that we may have your help in the effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Rev. S. S. Morris
Secretary of A.C.E. League
A. M. E. Church
414 Eighth Avenue South
Nashville 4, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Rev. Jesse E. Beard was kind enough to write in to us with a suggestion that we ask you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council.

We are most anxious to have you and hope that you will fill in the enclosed blank and send it in.

The Council is a most useful agency, now more so than ever before. It gets its work done through its members, and we greatly hope that we may have your help in the effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Miss Ruby Bradley
Rosedale Consolidated School
Rosedale, Mississippi

Dear Miss Bradley:

Mr. Ralph McGill has asked the Council to send you what we could in answer to your letter to him of February 7.

The most useful thing is the manual on F.E.P.C., copy of which we are mailing to you. You might also find some help in our pamphlet The Negro in our Economy.

One of the things useful to be remembered in the controversy is the importance of the country's getting for itself a trained level-headed resourceful body of persons who can work with private individuals in this difficult and new branch of personnel management. I think a good many instances could be found in which southern employees who have had experience of the services of for instance, the secretary of an urban league, have phrased quite highly the help they got in this regard. People are frightened of possible administrative powers in a field in which little experience exists.

So, it might be worth while to examine some instances of personnel adjustment in industries or factories with a bi-racial body of employees.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 14, 1950

Mr. L. Owens Rea
State of North Carolina
Department of Tax Research
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Owens:

Mighty nice to hear from you and under circumstances which dismal as they are give me welcome detail.

I don't know how you stand with old Dean Carroll but I would guess that he could do more to fit you into the next niche than anybody else I know in North Carolina. He has a sense of justice.

Why not dig up a government job? They will pay you well and give you security. If you take a stab at it, see my friend Thomas Blaisdell who is now a high mucky-ti-muck in the Dept. of Commerce in Washington. For some other good advise about Washington, see Arthur Raper, Bureau of Agriculture and Economics, South Building, or Shelby Robert, Jr. also of B.A.E.

Maybe the Bureau of the Budget or the Bureau of Internal Revenue would have your sort of thing. Another economist whom I know and who knows the ropes is Hubert Havlik of Bohemian extraction, now an important employee in the state department. He used to be a public utilities economist, by which I don't mean one subserviant to the utilities but one who is a competent critic of them.

Jonathan Daniel would probably be very happy to give you a letter to some one in the Democratic National Committee. I have a close friend in that named Bob Moore. He could give you mighty good advice.

I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what North Carolina's out on this whole business would be putting some official steam behind steering you into a place in Washington.

Floriat Hopkins!

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd

February 15, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

Since I've just returned from a trip to Montgomery, this is the first chance I've had to write you about my talk with Mr. Bryan. I spent a very pleasant, if hectic, hour with him Friday afternoon and also took in his lecture and film Friday evening.

We both agreed immediately that the idea of getting such a film as you suggest produced should be pushed vigorously. He felt that the best bet was to sell the idea to the new head of the State Department's Information Service -- a newspaper man named Ed Barrett. If Barrett could be persuaded to put two or three of his best writers on the job, with instructions to come down here, soak up the material, and lay out a script, Bryan felt quite confident the production of one or more films would be approved. Bryan did not, in his talk with me, say anything about the desirability of getting private money to finance the film. He seemed to feel that the State Department, if properly approached, would take on the project and that he, Bryan, would be enlisted for the making of the film.

Bryan and I went by to see Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, who knows Bryan, Barrett, and others connected with the State Department's program. McGill was enthusiastic and offered to lend his support.

Today, Dr. Mitchell wrote a letter to Barrett suggesting that such a film be made and offering the services of the SRC. McGill is going to follow up with a letter of his own tomorrow. We will try, too, to get Mark Etheredge, who is chairman of the President's committee on such matters, to put his weight behind the idea. Bryan assured me that he himself would push the project with Barrett.

That's where the matter stands now. I suggest we wait and see what comes of this effort. If we don't get results, we can then explore the possibility of getting a privately made film financed. There is an excellent organization, operating out of Athens, Ga., called the

Southern Educational Film Production Service. I know one of their top guys, George Stoney, very well, and will undertake to get his advice about the technical details and cost of producing the film. I suspect that a modest film could be made with a budget of $25,000 to $30,000.

In any case, I will keep you informed of what happens. If you have further ideas, please let me know.

You have opened up a very fruitful possibility. We are grateful for it.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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February 15, 1950

Mr. Ed Barrett
United States Information Service
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Some of the members of this Council in Florida have brought up a proposal that the State Department, in its prevision of motion picture material for use abroad, include a presentation of some of the favorable things occuring in the field of human relations in the South today.

We suppose that there is a need for such a corrective film.

As a responsible body of southern persons, Negro and white, we are aware of all that is dismal in southern arrangements, but we are also cherishers of the many indications that improvement quickens in pace and spreads just now very rapidly.

We have put a good deal of thought into the whole situation in the South. If the State Department explores the matter of a film of this kind, we cordially offer whatever may be of assistance from our staff, our files, our friends, or our nations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 15, 1950

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
109 West Grace Street
Room 202
Richmond, Va.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am back with another request for help.

It occurred to Dr. Mitchell that we should run in an early New South, perhaps the March issue, bfief accounts of the steps taken toward equalization of education in Mississippi and Virginia. The governments of both states, according to our scanty information, are doing things that the other southern states ought to know about.

I'm sure you have the information ready at hand. Could you write it up in summary fashion? It wouldn't have to be long -- about four or five double-spaced pages would do it.

We had a remarkable response to your article of last year. It would help everybody if we could do the same sort of thing again.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

February 15, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about the suit against Georgia's county unit system, in which I am one of two plaintiffs.

As citizens of Fulton County, we are asking that an injunction be issued restraining the enforcement of the county unit system of tabulating votes cast in the Democratic primary. Our grounds are the 14th and 17th Amendments which provide, respectively, that no citizen shall be denied by the state equal protection of the laws, and that U. S. senators shall be elected by the people of their states.

The law, as now constituted, provides that unit votes shall be distributed as follows: To the eight largest counties, six unit votes; to the thirty counties having the next largest population, four unit votes; and to the remaining 121 counties, two unit votes. That means that a resident of a smaller county has infinitely more voting power than a resident of one of the larger counties. For example, Echols County has one unit vote for each 1,489 inhabitants, whereas Fulton County has one unit vote for each 65,481. Put another way, that means that one vote in Echols is 44 times as powerful as one in Fulton.

We adduce these facts, along with evidence that rural-to-urban migration is increasing the discrimination steadily year after year. Our case differs from those brought earlier in that it is filed in ample time for a decision to be handed down before the primary is held this summer; thus the courts are not being asked to reverse the effects of an election already held. Our suit applies only to statewide elections -- for U. S. senator, governor, and other state officers. It does not directly attack Congressional races, which are limited to Congressional Districts -- though the county unit system is employed in some of those.

If I can give you any further information, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming

February 16, 1950

Mrs. C. O. Hinton
1120 Main Street
Paris, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Hinton:

This will acknowledge, with our grateful thanks, the check of your Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church for $25.00, sent by Miss Juliet Poynter via Mr. J. M. Tydings of the Lincoln Foundation.

The interest shown by your Society, as evidenced by their gift to the work of the Council is very cheering to us, and the gift itself most helpful in forwarding our program.

Please convey to your Society our sincere appreciation.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 16, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman
Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hackman:

Thank you most sincerely for your check for $250.00, representing the third quarterly payment of your appropriation to the Southern Regional Council for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1950.

This yearly appro priation means so much to the work of the Council and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 16, 1950

Miss Anne Queen
Lustrat House
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Queen:

I have heard very little about what will happen now with the Georgia Interracial Committee. I believe there has long been some idea of turning it into a division of the Council. I don't think there is any strong opposition to such a move but there may be some involvement about continuing to get customary sums of money under a new name.

In any case, all that the Council wants is that the most workable and useful arrangement shall rule.

Kind of you and others to concern yourselves. As I say, what I want is peace and progress. So, it seems to me the thing for the Georgia Committee to do is to explore the implications of the present arrangements and some altered ones and see what it wants to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Miss Anne Ward
English Department
New Jersey College for Women
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Miss Ward:

How very kind of you that was to send us so always-helpful a sustaining membership for yourself, as well as a subscription renewal for Miss Mastin ! We have entered them both and were delighted to have them. We made the notation, too, about changing your address, come summer.

Race in the News is one of the best pamphlets we have ever done, having the twin virtues of timeliness, and an effectiveness which has been strikingly visible and measurable. We are glad to know that it is useful too in freshman composition classes.

Dr. Mitchell would be pleased to see the sample questions you speak of which might be used for groups studying novels on interracial themed. Do send them on if you have an opportunity.

With all good wishes, and our thanks again,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 16, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

I would like to use in an early New South, probably the March one, a straight account of what is happening in Virginia and Mississippi with regard to providing equal schools for Negroes.

Virginia has put up forty-five million, most of which will go, I think, to Negro schools.

Our Atlanta papers are excited about what they hear about Mississippi's intentions.

Could you either:

(a) Collect the clippings, keep your ears open for the news, and in a couple of weeks time tell us just how it all stands in Mississippi.
(b) Select somebody who will do that for us and do it well.

We much prefer to have you and hope you can find time to do it. You will help us, the state, the division, and the whole South. It doesn't have to be a lot - about five double spaced pages.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Mr. Frederick L. Rowe
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

We are deeply grateful to the Phelps-Stokes Fund for its action in providing a special emergency grant of $1,000.00 in a time of most critical need. It would indeed be difficult to tell you how meaningful this grant was to us.

Please accept our thanks, and convey them to Dr. Tobias and to the Council of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 16, 1950

Mr. James Colston
15 East 11th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Colston:

I am very sorry I was not in town when you came by the office February 8.

Our files contain the following miscellaneous items that might be of interest:

1. Digest of the Strayer Report. - published by the Board of Regents.
2. Annual Report from the Regents of the University system (1946-47) (Report which preceded Strayers's)
3. Georgia Citizens Fact-Find Movement pamphlet on Education - April 1939
4. 2 issues of Georgia Business (Feb. 1949 & May 1948) published by College of Business Administration - University of Ga. on the Minimum Foundation Program - touches a little on higher education
5. G.E.A. pamphlet Minimum Foundation program for Ga.
6. Newspaper clippings
   6 - Strayer Committee
   2 - Reduction of budget for University system.

If you will tell us which if any might be useful to you, I will be willing to trust them to your care for the two or three weeks you might need to get through them.

I myself would turn for such information to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Ave. N. E., Atlanta, Ga. or to Mr. C. L. Harper, Secretary of N.A.A.C.P., 250 Auburn Ave., N. E. Atlanta, Ga.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

That was most kind of you to send us your check for $100.00 through Mr. Byrd. It could not have come at a better time, and we are most grateful to you.

We missed you at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The minutes will go out, probably this afternoon, and you have doubtless already received the letter describing the general situation which the Committee had sent to members of the Board. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Friday, March 31st. Do save this date, won't you, and circle it on your calendar now to make sure.

Kindest personal regards, and many, many thanks for the $100.00.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 16, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I have asked Harold Fleming, who is, as you know, a part of our staff and who is one of the plaintiffs in the county unit system suit to write you as to the basis of the suit.

He tells me he hasn't got copies of the brief, which in any case is undergoing some change; but the argument is forthright and he will set it out for you.

Mr. Byrd sent us your most kind chedk for one hundred dollars. That is mighty nice of you, and it came at such an opportune time just when we were short of enough to complete the payroll.

I envy Mr. Byrd the opportunity to talk with you.

We are going to pull through I thinkbut things will be tight until we do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Thank you for your letter of February 14.

I attach the following items:

(1) A copy of the letter granting Federal Tax Exemption to the Council.
(2) A list of the members of the Board of Directors with their addresses.
(3) A list of the Fellows of the Council and their addresses.

Coming separately is a small bundle of the Council's publications, including New South for 1949.

The yellow backed leaflet called "The Changing South in Print" will be a time-saver.

I believe we had three large anonymous contributions in 1949. As to one of three thousand dollars from a foundation in the South, I am authorized to say that correspondence from any interested foundation addressed to Mr. William B. Stubbs, John Bulow Campbell Foundation, Trust Co. of Georgia Building, Atlanta, Georgia, would elicit the full information.

A contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars resulted from an appeal by the Council to the Rockefeller Bros. Fund, which was unable as a fund to assist the Council. Nevertheless, some one, anonymous, who had had access to our application most kindly arranged that a cashier's check on the Chase National Bank be sent to the Council.

An anonymous one thousand dollars was a contribution from a large textile business, having a number of mills in the South, which specifically requested that the gift be anonymous.

The General Education Board had, for many years, assisted the old interracial commission which preceded the Southern Regional Council. When the Council was set up, the General Education Board very kindly helped it with a five year grant totalling fifty thousand dollars. Subsequently, I believe, they added another thousand dollars to make possible a meeting of the Fellows.

At about the expiration of the five years, Dr. Charles Johnson, President Paul Williams, and I informally discussed the possibility of a renewed grant with people in the G.E.B. They reminded us that over the years a very large sum had been given, in one way or another, to our organization by G.E.B. and said that, latterly when we had come back for renewed assistance, we had hoped after it to stand on our own feet. They thought there was money to be had in the South, and that we should strive earnestly to get some of it. It will be our intention, when the Council has considerable amounts of generous support again, including southern support, to again request the assistance of the General Education Board. I, and I think every one else, thought their position reasonable and decent.

The Rosenwald Fund, sometime before its liquidation, voted to the Southern Regional Council a sum equivalent to twenty-five thousand dollar grants for each of the three years 1947, 1948, and 1949. The last of that was spent by mid '49.

Our staff has been considerably reduced since October 1949. Our present staff consists of an executive director, a secretary-treasurer, a director of information, a research analyst, a clerk-stenographer, a clerk, the half-time services of a field secretary in charge of women's work, and the occasional part-time services of an additional clerk. Barely enough, but we keep on.

We are happy to send you these items and will be glad to supply anything more that may be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

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February 16, 1950

Mr. James Cullen
Kampala Uganda

Dear Mr. Cullen:

I have cherished your letter of way back last summer and also an intent to write an appreciative reply. Meanwhile, here comes along after some delay in forwarding your kind and atractive Christmas remembrance.

It was really a great pleasure to have that hour with you and your friends and the few minutes of rejoicing in common Ballioness. I wish I had had the opportunity to spend much more time with your group. There was some talk of inviting me to the general convention in New York but nothing ever happened about it so I wasn't there, though I would have enjoyed it.

I see mounting and broadening reasons why this country needs to know more about Africa. Very particulsrly, southern white people need to know more about Africa--American Negroes too.

If you come across thingsthat to you convey the innerness of the story, will you be kind enough to send me copies or let me know about them.

I mail you three copies of our most recent and probably most useful pamphlet. It has, in a few months, transformed a lot of southern papers.

We had a visit in Atlanta from a certain R. Frederick Greene from Southern Rhodesia. He came over here hunting foundation money for education of Rhodesia's "colored." Don't think he got the money, but somebody did pay his travel. A good egg, white, and with a conscience. He might be a useful additional link for you with Southern Rhodesia.

Our Council and I, myself, and my home are at the services of any one we can help hereabouts with special knowledge of things African. With kindest regards and greetings from one outlier to another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

at 9:30 a.m. on Friday April 14. I hope there is a p.
that will do it.

All straight and many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Your letter of February 14 reminded me of my pressing duty to get straight about the dates. I think they work out nicely.

I am needed in New Orleans Friday April 14. That gives me free and definitely at Memphis Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 11, 12, and 13.

I am supposed to be in New Orleans at 9:30 a.m. on Friday April 14. I hope there is a plane that will do it.

All straight and many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Mr. Edgar Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Stern:

I came back from a trip to find that you had most kindly sent us three hundred dollars.

It was a life saver, deeply appreciated as so goodly a sum coming when it did and coming from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 16, 1950

Mr. James Crown
1841 West Church Street
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Crown:

Terribly sorry I was not at home when you came to see me, but I have good news for you.

I am going to Gainesville next week, and I think I can bring you a good bundle of the material you want. I admit I have not yet dug it out, but I think I know where it is. I am to be in the custody of Mr. Hal G. Lewis of the College of Education. I expect to sleep February 22 and 23 at the White House Hotel..

I am to make a speech to students in the Coblege of Educationon the fourth floor of the new wing of the library at 10;15 a.m. Thursday besides probably other speechlets . I will bring you as much as I can load.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

February 17, 1950

Mr. James Stewart
548 Northeast Fourth Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Here are the envelopes and the pamphlets, Race in the News to be mailed to the county weeklies in eastern Oklahoma.

The enclosed letter is the one we have been using . It has been mimeographed on our letterhead stationary and folded over the front cover page of the pamphlet. The signature has also been mimeographed.

It is our understanding that you will take care of the mimeographing and mailing. Let us know if this is incorrect.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

February 17, 1950

Miss Betty Goldiamond
American Council on Race Relations
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Goldiamond:

I am sending off to you today, separately, the legislative report for the state of Georgia. I am sorry that it is so late getting to you, but this session of the Legislature has just ended and we were unable to complete the report until after the session had wound up all its business.

If you have any questions about any of the bills or acts, I would be glad to try to answer them as best I can.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 17, 1950

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sur.
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

We were not able to get the information you requested in your letter of February 11.

However, we did learn that you can get that information by writing to

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Birmingham World Office
17th Street near Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

How are you getting along?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 17, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn, Executive Sec'y
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline St.,
New Orleans 13, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

At long last, here is (attached) information on the list of names for which, at last writing, you had received no membership cards.

Some cards, you will note, have now been mailed, but if you do not receive them let us know. Others, which should have been included in a previous shipment, are sent herewith. Still others were out for correction of the stencil, and they should be along in due course.

There are almost a dozen names on which we have been unable to find any record, either in our own files, or on the lists you sent us. We should like to enter them, but have no way of doing so until we receive their dues. Perhaps you have some information on them? Among these, I do find that you included the names of Rabbi Leo Bergman and Mr. & Mrs. Mervis (same address as Mrs. Helen Mervis) in a list of four on a 3x5 card which you sent, saying they should be added as new members. I acknowledged these in my letter of October 21, 1949, but explained that our set-up gave us no way of entering members without dues.

Since our stencils, from which your membership cards are run, are set up geographically by city and State, Miss Cherbonnet was not included in the New Orleans run, since she lives at Gretna. Bishop R. E. Jones, of Waveland, Miss., would be another, although you did not include him in your enquiry. There WAS someone also from La Fayette, whom I am unable to find now, but who is a third.

In terms of our system here, this would mean that you would not (automatically) receive a card for them in a New Orleans run, and that you would not -- except through a sheer act of memory on my part -- receive a dues return from them, unless they had sent their dues

to you and you had sent these on to us here. When you send in names and dues, one-half the dues of each person is entered in the New Orleans column of the cash-book so that it automatically comes back to you.

You asked for some blank membership cards; these are in the attached envelope. It might be a good plan if you yourself, or someone in your office, made the cards for members living outside of New Orleans (since you would not normally receive them automatically from here), but I believe it might be confusing to attempt to make others which we would normally send, for you would than have so many duplicates. What do you think ?

This is a long letter, but I hope I have covered everything you wanted to know. Write me again if I have not.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 20, 1950

Miss Nancy Blaine
48 East Cedar Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Blaine:

Our good Council stands in need of emergency funds. I do not suppose that you can yourself undertake to keep us on our feet for the next critical three or four months, but I would cherish your understanding of our work, your interest, and whatever aid you might find it possible to give us.

Here is a memorandum that tells pretty well about us. I have an ocean of pamphlets and could send you part of the ocean, but I forbear. We would be most happy to send audits and treasury letters and what ever other detailed information would be useful.

Frank McCallister of Roosevelt College knows us well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

The Clerk
White House Hotel
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

A reservation for a room in your hotel was made for Dr. George S. Mitchell for the night of Wednesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 24, 1950.

This is to advise that Dr. Mitchell will be quite late arriving but he wishes you to certainly hold the room. It will be some time in the early morning hours before he can arrive in Gainesville.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. R. Dawkins, Secretary

February 20, 1950

Mr. John W. Mosenis
2515 Floyd Ave.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mosenis:

Here is a set of our pamphlets with a few others thrown for good measure. The set by itself costs two dollars and this is a bill. We hope you like them.

Why don't you become a member of the Council? We would like to have you. Three dollars plus two dollars would be five dollars. Membership blank is on page 5 of leaflet "What Kind of South Do You Want?" Come on and join us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

Mr. Clyde N. Parker, Head
Department of Sociology
Meredith College
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Southwide Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education is being organized by the Southern Conference Educational Fund of New Orleans. The S.C.E.F. is a non-political offshoot of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which latter organization has now disbanded.

I was offered an opportunity to serve as a sponsor but did not care to serve.

I am satisfied that the SCEF has no communistic involvements and I think it in the long run useful to the South that people prepared to take quite advanced stands should do so. Nevertheless, the organization has not seemed to me to be the sort of thing the Council would care to stand behind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

Miss Lois Gratz
White House Conference on Children & Youth
FSA Building, 4th & Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lois:

Thanks a lot for your letter.

I am glad you have an interesting job and a job in Washington where I can hope to occasionally get to see you.

Miss Flemmie Kittrell of your Executive Committee is a Fellow of the Council and our good friend.

Do, when you can, put in a good word for the Council. We greatly need help.

Come to Atlanta on some trip or other and let us all see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

Miss Elizabeth C. Belcher
25 Westover Street
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Belcher:

Under date of February 17, we received a postal card from Miss Winifred Cole requesting that we send information concerning the work and purposes of the Southern Regional Council to you.

Here is a recent memorandum giving in brief what we do. Among the things we want to do, I list:

1. A three year campaign involving a lot of travel by two experienced persons to improve police administration in the South.
2. Similar travel to implement in localities the use of Race in the News.
3. Expansion of the work and staff of the Fellowship of the Concerned.
4. Carry New South forward with greater security, wider circulation and still better material.
5. Undertake a long range program for educating Americans on the African background of the American Negro and the importance in world affairs of current developments on the continent of Africa.
6. Greater local activity on behalf of equal schools
7. Strengthening the organization of our state divisions and local state committees.

We are quite without funds to undertake these things although we realize how useful they could be.

I send you separately a bundle of our various more recent pamphlets.

We are grateful for your interest and will be happy to supply you with whatever further will be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

Executive Director

February 20, 1950

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I was in Chicago the other day and happened into the offices of the Henry Strong Educational Foundation, 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is an old foundation making loans to students. The prefer to help Juniors and Seniors and an occasional graduate student. Loans usually run from around one hundred dollars to three, four or five hundred dollars. The interest is three per cent, which begins to accrue only upon graduation. The first tenth of the principle repayable one year after graduation and in later years, increasing amounts. Their money accumulated pretty well during the G.I. period, but is currently in great demand.

They do not help students in eastern institutions but bracket the South with the West as their territory. They have no affiliation with the Hattie Strong Foundation in New York, which merely happens to have a similar name and do a similar job.

I was told that Tuskegee, along, with Dilland, Fisk, and Morehouse, was some years ago put on the Strong Foundation's approved list. Few or no loan requests have come from any of these institutions. The implication was obvious that the Strong Foundation was prepared to help students in those colleges.

They were proud of the minimum of red tape involved in a loan from them. In ordinary applications, the loan is approved by the appropriate college official (frequently a loan officer) and an application so approved usually gets a check from mailed on the same day the request was received. I thought perhaps it would be well to let you know of this current opportunity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20, 1950

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Dent:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 20th, 1950

Dr. Sinclair Jacobs
200 Montgomery Ferry Drive
Apartment 20
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Jacobs:

Thank you so much for your $3.00 check covering dues which was returned to us along with our form, usually sent to subscribers, but including an invitation to membership.

Since we knew you already to be a member we were puzzled to receive this form along with your check, and so instituted search. Our subscription file reveals that you first subscribed to New South, paying $1.00, in June 1946. In 1947 you renewed, paying an additional dollar which made you current through May 1948.

In June 1948 you sent us dues of $2.00, becoming a full-fledged member, and in July 1949 you renewed your membership with a check for $5.00 (contributing membership) which paid you through May 1950. Meanwhile, since membership and subscription files are separate, we continued to carry you as a subscriber also. (Members receive New South along with their membership, without additional charge.)

We are now cancelling the old subscription and applying the $3.00 you sent to your membership for the period June 1950 through May 1951. Thank you for your help in clearing this item.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 20th, 1950

Miss Claire Hannum
Corresponding Secretary
Race Relations Committee
Chapel Office
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Miss Hannum:

When your subscription to New South was received in December, it was expected that the subscription would begin with the January issue, but as it transpired, there was no January issue, which accounts for the fact that you have not yet received anything on your subscription.

January, combined with February to make a January-February issue, will go out about the end of February and I am sure you will receive yours in due course. Meanwhile I am enclosing a copy of the December issue.

Since the subscription rate to New South is only $1.50 per year, I am also enclosing 50¢ in coin as the refund due you on your $2.00 check.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 21, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Vice-President-Cashier
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your two most welcome checks -- $100 for yourself, and $50.00 for the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, were received this morning, and I want you to know how much they both cheered and helped. We value more than I can tell you this evidence of your concern for the work and welfare of the Council.

We missed you at the meeting, but do understand that it is not always possible to come.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 21, 1950

Rev. Theodore F. Adams, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Monument Avenue and The Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your most welcome check for $25.00 has just been received and I hasten to thank you for this mark of your concern for the work and welfare of the Council.

With deep appreciation I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 21, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison, Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

Your most welcome check for $50.00 has just been received and I hasten to acknowledge this evidence of your concern for the work and welfare of the Council. We are deeply appreciative of this, and of your further promise of an additional $50.00 within the coming month.

With all good wishes, and our very warm thanks,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 21, 1950

Mr. Gordon Weisenborn
674 Irving Park Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Gordon:

Here is an accounting from my trip:

Railway fare plus lower berth each way Atlanta-Chicago-Atlanta	$60.78
	8.28
Hotel two nights @ $3.50	7.00
Telephone	.30
Taxi	.60
Tips	.95
Meals February 16	1.53
Meals February 17	1.03
Elevated Railway	.18
Meals February 18	2.77
Bus	.13
Meals February 19	1.40
Total	$ 84.95

You very kindly advanced one hundred dollars for this. The sum total of my expenses attributed to the movie is the above. I enclose my check for fifteen dollars and five cents ($15.05) to cover the difference between $84.95 and $100.00.

I have not yet heard from Bangs but expect him at any time. Good luck with the enterprize.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

February 21, 1950

Mr. Frederick D. Carter
1411 Pine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Carter:

You will see from the enclosed what I turned up in Chicago. My guess is that if the University of Colorado would back a loan request from you it would be granted.

Here is a blank.

I will stand behind you, and you can use my name.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

February 21, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. David Silberman, Jr.
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear The Silbermans:

You were both as kind as could be to give me the pleasure of that grand dinner and cheerful evening at your home. I do appreciate it.

If either or both of you come to Atlanta, please let me know. I would greatly like to enjoy such good company again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 22, 1950

Mrs. Georgia Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

This new article about the Fellowship of the Concerned should be of interest.

We are grateful for Independent Aid's help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

sending: The Woman's Press, February 1950.

22 February 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Mrs. Tilly has reported that last week, at the Kentucky Division Board meeting, Mrs. V. P. Henry said that two towns in western Kentucky were ready to adopt surveys. Is there anything that we can do here to help push them along?

Mrs. Tilly did not know the names of the towns or the key local people involved, but she is writing Mrs. Henry herself about the prospective surveys.

If there is anything I can do to help in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

February 22nd, 1950

Mrs. L. S. Evins, President
Birmingham Council of Church Women
216 Princeton Avenue
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Evins:

Please let me thank you most warmly on behalf of the Council for your kindness in taking over for Mrs. Tilly at the Montgomery meeting. This was a great help and we are very grateful to you.

It was good of you to plan so carefully on the expense end, and we are more than happy to enclose our check for $10.00 to cover the outlay for car mileage. Please thank Miss Hodkins and Mrs. Blount for their good offices, too.

Mrs. Tilly sends regards.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 22, 1950

Reverend H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 11, Mississippi

Dear Reverend Schaeffer:

Here are the copies of Race in the News to be mailed to the county weeklies in Mississippi. The covering letters are in the envelopes.

Your only duty is to put them in the mail box.
Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

February 22, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

How very grateful indeed we are for the Field Foundation's most welcome check for $2500, being payment in full of an emergency grant.

The check is a life-giver to us.

We are in hopes that it will be possible for the Board to consider as an independent request an additional $2500 out of our total request of $5000.

Mr. Field was kind enough to grant me an interview February 17, and left me grounds to hope that that request might have the Foundation's consideration.

Again with our very deepest thanks for just the kind of help we needed, when we needed it most.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh
cc: Mr. Byrd

February 22, 1950

Mr. Neill Bruce
Southwestern University
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Neill:

I'll be in Memphis Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 11, 12, and 13, to do some talking here and there for Miss Margaret McCulloch. You once said I could bach with your gang. Still feasible?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:nh

February 22, 1950

Professor Paul E. Pfuetze
Department of Philosophy
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pfuetze:

Tuesday, February 28 is all right, and I'll show in your office a bit before 2:30 that afternoon, prepared to hold down the 2:30 and 3:30 classes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

February 22, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

All arranged, and very many thanks. I'll take that 5 A.M. plane. I'll get the reservations on it, here.

I think Neill Bruce will put me up. I'll write him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

February 23rd, 1950

Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Attention: Mrs. S. M. Nabrit

Dear Mrs. Nabrit:

Here is our check covering luncheons for our annual and Board of Directors meetings which Atlanta University so kindly provided.

We are ever grateful for your kindness and hospitality, and for the good offices of all who contribute to making it such a pleasant occasion.

You will note that I have added a small sum to cover tips for the Directors' luncheon, since I understand that this was not attended to at the time.

With kindest good wishes, and our thanks again,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Daily File

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KENTUCKY DIVISION
LINCOLN RIDGE, KENTUCKY

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

mailed 155 with Race in the News 2/23/50

Dear Editor:

This pamphlet, called Race in the News, is being generally praised as a temperate set of suggestions for the Press to use in matters involving race.

I am able to send it to you partly through the aid of the editor of the Greenville, Mississippi Delta Democrat-Times, Mr. Hodding Carter, who is one of the Council's Board members.

The Southern Press is notably giving attention to fairness and considerateness in stories having a race aspect.

I would be grateful for your study of the pamphlet, and for your use in the paper of such of its guides as may seem workable.

Sincerely,

Victor R. Portmann

Secretary-Manager
Kentucky Press Association

February 24,1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I find I will be in Dallas, April 28-29. I do not know the dates of your meeting of the Texas interracial committee but if it happens to be any time near those dates I could come a day or so early or remain a day or so after the 29th to meet with you. I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as possible as dates have a way of filling themselves up.

Hoping that it may be possible for me to either meet with your executive committee or your state committee, I remain

Yours sincerely,

MRS. M. E. TILLY

MET:gm

February 24,1950

Mr. J. R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ewbank:

We are today sending out noticies to the list of Arkansas people we have and we are also asking them to furnish us with a list of others to be invited. We are calling the meeting for two thirty as you failed to state the hour.

I am enclosing also a list of members we have in Arkansas and trust you will send us an additional list of names to be invited. I would suggest also that we have as much publicity in the papers as possible.

Looking forward to the meeting on March 17th, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:gm

February 27, 1950

Dr. Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you a lot for your good long letter and for the newspapers which came safely over. They both help us.

You are the best judge of when to get moving with the survey. We do greatly hope though that before long the Rock Hill people will want to push on with it.

My Gum Tree friends won a second prize for home improvement in Hanover County and beamed with pride.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Miss Dorothy Mommsen
Macedonia Co-Op Community
Clarkesville, Georgia

Dear Dorothy:

I intend to drive to Macedonia this coming Sunday for the one p.m. dinner and discussion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I greatly appreciate that nice trip to Gainesville and the opportunity to talk to the two groups of students. It would be nice if a few of them would join the Council.

You and Mrs. Lewis were most kind to take me over to the Hausers and otherwise to make the visit such a pleasant one.

I figured out expenses and they came to very little over fifty dollars, so let the fifty dollar check that is working come on through and all will be square.

If I get another opportunity to come your way, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Heuser
Dept. of Business Administration
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear the Hausers:

I greatly enjoyed the evening in your home and the opportunity to get to know you both.

Do please remember that when you come to Atlanta, 906 Lullwater Road is your home. There is an empty guest room, and the telephone is Dearborn 5961.

I keep a tiny engraving of the Iron Grille-work Gate of the Hofburg just inside our front door as a special welcome to every one that knows that new Vienna.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Dr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I am mighty sorry I missed you when you were here last week. Thank you for stopping.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
213 Mockingbird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

I am most anxious to read the new book and will see that it gets describing in New South.

I expect to be in Nashville early in April and want to get to see you and Mrs. Eleazer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

We got the article which we think is grand. It is in final proof and should be in print in a couple of days.

Tell me how the student meeting went.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

February 27, 1950

Mrs. Marion M. Estes
Route 1 Lumpkin Road
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Estes:

I send you some pamphlets which may be of help.

The printed studies done by the National Planning Association for the Committee of the South, 800 Twenty-First Street, Northwest, Washington 6, D. C. would be helpful, but I do not have copies of them.

It seems to me that two main things to have a care for are the location of industry and the future pattern of land ownership in our agriculture. Thus far, industry has concentrated in the Piedmont area though paper has gone to the coastal fringe. We need much more industry, particularly processing industry, in the whole plantation belt.

It is a long story, but the pattern of land ownership worked out under slavery and the plantation system in the whole plantation belt is still a governing factor in much of our hanging back in politics and progress. We have made a fair dent with a reviving pattern of family farm owenrship. Just now, while our crops are changing over, it is touch and go what happens to the land. If it falls out again into big blocks worked by day laborers, that is not healthy; if it falls into good sized family farms, to my mind, that is the very healthiest thing. A South with plenty of industry and a democratic farming economy would be pretty nice.

We would like to have you join the Council. There is a blank inside the brown leaflet entitled "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

27 February 1950

Dr. Cullen B. Gosnell
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Emory, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gosnell:

Here are the county-by-county figures on registered Negro voters in Georgia, as of June 1946, which I promised to send you. They are rough, as you can see, but they are the best figures available. Used with county-by-county data on the number of Negroes of voting age, they should give a fairly good indication of the way in which the county unit system nullifies the Negro vote.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

February 27, 1950

Dear Mrs. Embree:

All of us in the Southern Regional Council were mighty sorry to hear about Mr. Embree.

He was captain of a band that has had a long battle and many of the victories were the result of his planning and leadership.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Mrs. E. R. Embree
c/o John Hay Whitney Foundation
38th Floor, North Building
Rockefeller Center
630 Fifth Avenue
New York City

February 27, 1950

Mr. Frank A. Norman, Jr.

West Point, Georgia

Dear Mr. Norman:

We greatly appreciate your help in getting additional information about the LaFayette case last week. The facts you gave Tim Huff were very useful indeed.

If there is ever an opportunity for us to return the favor, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

February 27, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The letters asking for one hundred dollars went out under the signatures of Paul Williams, you and Dr. Hancock February 15.

Thus far, the receipts have been $490.00.

We are most grateful for your thought and influence and hope that in the next ten days or so a good many additional checks will come in.

Perhaps, we ought to consider whether some follow-up is proper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 27, 1950

Dr. Gordon Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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Executive Director

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February 27, 1950

Rev. Lamont C. Smith, Pastor
The Methodist Church
Ackley, Iowa

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of February 23.

Enclosed are several pieces of literature which describe our Council, its functions and its point-of-view. The Council is generally regarded as a moderate, constructive organization working for Southern progress. I believe we can supply you with most of the information you will need.

We should be happy to have you subscribe to our monthly bulletin New South. We should be even happier to have you as an associate member.

Also enclosed is a complete publications list. We shall be glad to fill your order for any of our pamphlets that might be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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February 27th, 1950

Mr. W. R. Banks
Prairie View State A. & M. College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mr. Banks:

We are very grateful to you, and to the Prairie View Community Chest, for the $15.00 check which you so kindly sent in response to the appeal of Mr. Williams, Dr. Clement, and Dr. Hancock.

Thank you more than I can say.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 27th, 1950

Bishop R. R. Wright Jr.,
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Bishop Wright:

It was indeed good of you to respond so generously to the appeal for emergency funds for the Council, especially so when you must be bending every sinew to the aid of Morris Brown. We are deeply grateful for this evidence of your interest, and for the material help it represents.

Please accept our very warm thanks for your check for $50.00, and our heartiest good wishes for the success of your own campaign.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 27, 1950

Mr. William D. Kennedy
Box 143
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Mrs. Nathan Starr of Winter Park, Florida, has written me that you would like to have more information about our Council and its functions. I have sent separately some material dealing specifically with the Council; today I am sending a complete set of our major publications.

May I call your attention particularly to our Home Town Self-Survey program, which is described in the mimeographed manual of that name and in the pamphlet titled "By the People." This community technique of action based on self study has paid off handsomely wherever it has been tried.

The Council's thinking on the South was laid out in some detail for the consideration of the Ford Foundation last year. This was done in the form of a memorandum, dated March 8, 1949, to Mr. Ben D. Wood, who was then making inquiries for the Foundation.

Contributions to the Southern Regional Council are, of course, tax exempt.

If further information would be helpful, please let me know and I shall send it promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

February 27, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
345 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

Please forgive, if you can, this delay in answering your most encouraging letter of February 19. For me this past week has been hectic almost beyond belief, and, since Dr. Mitchell was out of the city, there was nobody to carry the ball. (Among other things, a suit against Georgia's county unit system, in which I am one of the plaintiffs, was up for hearing last week.)

I did manage to send Mr. Kennedy various pieces of literature describing the Council and its functions. Today I have written him and have sent him a complete set of our major publications. I also advised him of a memorandum, on file at the Ford Foundation, which describes the Council's thinking on the South in some detail. It was prepared last year by Dr. Mitchell for a representative of the Foundation.

I agree with you thoroughly that we need not limit our approach solely to the State Department. It would be fine indeed if the Ford Foundation, or any other prospective donor, could be interested in the film project. Please continue to do all you can, and let me know what we can do to help; I promise to respond promptly. I hope my tardiness this time wasn't too great a liability.

I will write Julien Bryan today and ask him to let us know what he has been able to accomplish from his end.

I am sending separately twenty copies of the new leaflet on SRC.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming

February 28, 1950

Mr. R. F. Poole, President
The Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear President Poole:

John Ivey sent on over to us your letter of February 24, asking for twelve copies of Wanted, a Healthy South.

We have shipped the twelve and enclose a statement for them.

We would be glad to supply seventy-five more at the rate for a hundred, which would be $11.25 for seventy-five.

Miss Dicken's pamphlet has been very popular.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: Price List

2-28-50

These are the dues notices which are being enclosed with the Jan-Feb 1950 issue of New South, to be mailed to members with anniversary months 1,2, and 3.

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Renewal notice

Dear Member:

Your Southern Regional Council membership renewal becomes due this month.

If you can send this in promptly it will help so much, and will save in time and expense as well.

Our warm thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

If your dues have just recently been sent, disregard the notice.

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I enclose dues for the current year as follows: (PLEASE CHECK)

_____ Single membership ($ 3.00)
_____ Husband-wife membership ($ 4.00)
_____ Contributing membership ($ 5.00)
_____ Supporting membership ($10.00)
_____ Sustaining membership ($25.00)

Name _____

Address _____

Please tear this off and send it in without delay.

2 yr. notice

Dear Member:

Your Southern Regional Council has not received any dues from you for the past year, and a second year is now also due.

Do please send this on in, won't you? We need it in a hundred places here!

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

If you have just recently sent this in, please disregard the notice.

	2 years	Enclosed
Single membership	$6.00	$ _____
Husband-wife membership	$8.00	$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS STUB TO MAIL WITH YOUR REMITTANCE.

3rd. notice

Dear Member:

Your Southern Regional Council has not received any dues from you now for two years, and dues for a third year are now also payable.

Our Board says we must drop you at this point unless we can persuade you to pay up. You know how slim our budget is, and you know, too how MUCH we want to keep you.

So do send it on in, won't you?

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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	1 year	2 years	3 years
Single membership	$3.00	$6.00	$9.00
Husband-wife membership	$4.00	$8.00	$12.00

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed $ _____

IMPORTANT: Tear off this stub and enclose with your remittance.

February 28th, 1950

Dean Virginia H. Holt
Chatham Hall
Chatham, Virginia

Dear Miss Holt:

How very kind it was for the Race Relations Department of your Service League to make a gift of $10.00 to the Council.

Interim financial difficulties make this gift especially meaningful at this time, and we are deeply grateful to you and to the Race Relations Department of your Service League.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 28th, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
Executive Secretary
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd.

We are including the names you suggest and think your suggestion a good one. We will make membership cards for them precisely as though they had been made along with all the rest, and will bill them as usual.

January billing is going out with this next New South which will be mailed from here around the latter part of this week. That will include all of your old members, as well as all others with a January anniversary date.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 28th, 1950

State Department of Revenue
Income Tax Unit
State Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

The Southern Regional Council, as an eleemosynary non-profit organization, was formally granted tax exempt status by the United States Treasury Department on July 28, 1947.

There has been no change in the situation of the Council since that time, and I am therefore returning to you income tax return blanks sent us by your department. Please refer to your files IT:FLB:MES for correspondence on this subject in 1948.

As regards the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, this organization has been inoperative for several years, and last year its charter was allowed to lapse. I am therefore returning to you blanks sent for this organization also.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

February 28, 1950

Mr. Eugene V. Price
52 Campus Drive
Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Mr. Price:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 14, addressed to the Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The CIC was merged with the Southern Regional Council in 1944.

I am sorry to say that we have nothing currently in print on FEPC legislation. However, as you undoubtedly know, material on that subject is abundantly available. I would particularly recommend to you Public Affairs Bulletin No. 65 of the Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service, entitled "Anti-Discrimination Legislation in the American States," by W. Brooke Graves, published in November, 1948.

You are probably already in touch with the following organizations, but I list them as among the best sources on fair employment:

American Council on Race Relations
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Committee on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
1834 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

I regret that we cannot be of more help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

February 28th, 1950

Mr. S. J. Phillips, President
Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial
Booker Washington Birthplace, Virginia

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We are so appreciative of your $100.00 check sent in response to the appeal for emergency funds for the Council. Such a gift is doubly meaningful at this time.

Thank you, more than I can tell you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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TREASURER

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Attorney at Law
Birmingham

These were all re-elected
ACF

February 28th, 1950

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dean Gomillion:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 21st, with checks totalling $117.00 enclosed, covering dues renewals for the list of members also included. It helps for dues to come in in such nice blocks !

On your list I note the names of two organizations, The Alabama Industrial Union Council, and the Washington Chapel, A.M.E. Church, each of which sent $3.00 for membership. Since only individuals can have membership in the Council, I wonder whether we may enter these memberships in the names of an appropriate officer of the organizations ? Please let me know, and send, if you can, the names in which memberships should be entered. Could we also have an address for each of these ?

I was sorry not to attend the Alabama annual meeting, and would appreciate knowing whether there was any change of officers.

With all good wishes, and our thanks for your trouble,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKey
Secretary-Treasurer

February 28th, 1950

Mrs. Edwina C. Williams
Department of Sociology
The Texas State University for Negroes
Houston 4, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd.

Our books show an entry of $2.70 on December 19th, 1949, sent by Miss Fox in payment for literature. Does this give you the information you need ? Please write us again if it does not.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

DAILY FILE

mailed to H. B. Schaeffer 2/22/50 with Race in the News - 111/

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION
Jackson, Mississippi

February 28, 1950

Dear Editor:

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I am able to send it to you partly through the aid of the editor of the Greenville, Mississippi Delta Democrat-Times, Mr. Hodding Carter, who is one of the Council's Board members.

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I would be grateful for your study of the pamphlet, and for your use in the paper of such of its guides as may seem workable.

Sincerely,

H B Schaeffer
Chairman

Chairman
Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
Jackson

Vice Chairman
Laurence C. Jones
Piney Woods

Secretary-Treasurer
Ruby S. Lyells
Jackson

March 2, 1950

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

We are most grateful for your personal contribution of ten dollars and that of Tuskegee Institute for fifty dollars.

Please accept our thanks for both gifts and extend our appreciation to Tuskegee. Your help is most valuable at this time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 2, 1950

Mr. Gould Beech
5 Clubview
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Gould:

My TICKLER brings up the matter of the summary of election laws we sent you January 5, 1950.

Can you dig it up and send it back? Last copy we have.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Dr. W. W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route #3
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 21.

Your idea of going to Marshall Field was a good one. We asked them for five thousand dollars. Their Mr. Hahn in New York wrote back and asked for some technical information about audits, etc. which we sent. Then around February 18, I happened to be in Chicago (expenses paid) and called on Marshall Field. After some question and answer about the Council, he indicated that if nothing unfavorable developed, they could help us from their emergency fund at once to the extent of half of our request and that, perhaps, it would be possible for the other half to come along later.

I had scarcely got back to Atlanta when there was Mr. Hahn's check for $2,500. I wrote and thanked him and dared to indicate that Mr. Field himself had given me grounds to believe that our request for the remaining $2,500 would be considered. Have heard nothing more.

The $2,500 was life giving to us because it enabled us to get the printer half-way paid and to clear up a lot of small back bills, but we are still in pretty tough shape.

I have hopes that one of the large department stores here will help us substantially and quite soon, and we know of two or three more thousand that will come in here and there. Clement and Hancock and Williams wrote a joint begging letter to about 150 persons, mostly Negroes who could help and asked them each for one hundred dollars now. Yield so far, $550.00. I suppose some more will come.

We have done a good thing with Race in the News. I have lately got it out to nearly all the county weekly papers in the South, sending it out in each state from our own people in that state.

If we can hold on another few months, I feel sure we will come through nicely.

I hope for some early opportunity to visit with you. Meanwhile, all our best to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Mr. Reginald Mitchell, Chairman
Conclave Committee
Cosmopolitan Club
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation and I am sorry as I can be that I have a long standing engagement to be in New Orleans on Friday, April 14. Otherwise, I would be most happy to come over and help you in any way.

In any case, sometime when you are in Atlanta, do please come in and see me either here at the Council office or at my home, 906 Lullwater Road, which is on your way into town in Druid Hills. I am something of a Britisher myself you know and would like to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 27, 1950

Mr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

I see in the report of the Carnegie Corporation that the Phelps-Stokes Fund is doing a study of how to do a good job about African students in this country.

I have been worrying some about that hereabouts, where these fine young people have come in some numbers to get a world view, and aren't getting it.

Is the study sufficiently far along to yield me any advice?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Miss Chrystal Matthews
Box 484
Swepsonville, N. C.

Dear Miss Matthews:

I am sorry to say we have nothing in print about the early days of slavery. There are several good books on the subject, however, which you should be able to find.

About the best is a book by Frederick Law Olmstead called A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States. It was first published in 1855 and has lately been reprinted by Putnam. Any good library, such as that at Guilford College, would have it.

If we can be of further help, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

March 2, 1950

Mr. I. W. Bowen, Jr.
P. O. Box 66
Baptist Seminary
Louisville 6, Kenucky

Dear Mr. Bowen:

In response to your letter of February 28, I am sending separately material describing the work of this organization and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. If you have further questions that I can answer, I will be glad to do so.

I might suggest that you write the following organizations for information about their activities and the progress of Georgia Negroes in general:

Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Branch
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Let me know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Informatia

March 2, 1950

Mr. D. C. Whittle
Miles Standish Hall
30 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Mass.

Dear Mr. Whittle:

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to read your interesting, studious and thoughtful paper Romance to Rebellion.

I am not a literary person and so can't help you from the point of literary selections. What you have used is most interesting and aptly applied. I note only two things to quarrel about.

I think you have greatly over emphasized the business about the decay of the aristocracy. Truth to tell, we hardly had an aristocracy anyway. Much of what glittered was not gold. The lives of the millions of plain people were so much more important than the sorrows of the few who were let down that it always seems to me incongruous to treat the process of decay as of great importance.

You were quite right to point to industrialization as most of our solution, but it seems to me you greatly neglect the importance of the proceeding pattern of change on the land. A stable crop program that lasted from 1867 until 1935 or there abouts is wriggling with change right now. It is touch and go whether we can come out of this decade of change with a democratically organized southern agriculture or with a type of land ownership that fastens, under democracy upon our rural parts for a long time to come. I say rural parts. The truth is, of course, that the mountains and the piedmont have a pretty decent pattern of family farm owenership, but the plantation belt does not, and the plantation belt controls the politics of all the states in the lower south. Industrilization, concentrated as it thus far proves to be, would have a hard job to democratize those states, a half of whose population is in the bonds of tenants or is working as day hands on peoples big plantations. Industry democratizes ultimately because the people employed in it can and do assert their interests. But, who can contemplate with pleasure the vision of agricultural trade unionism in the deep South. So, I think it is of the greatest importance for us to do all we can, privately and governmentally, to strengthen the pattern of family farm ownership in the lower south. Maybe you mentioned all that in some place where I skimmed, but I did not find it.

If we can solve that problem decently, we are out of the woods, we are standard and normal, and our peculiarities--storied though they are--will happily vanish away.

Do come and see us sometime when you are in this part of the world. We greatly appreciate the several kind mentions in your paper.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Mr. Will Ray
584 Lindsay, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ray:

I value you as a member of our Council. You are 'way behind in dues - owe a total now of eleven dollars. If you will send in three or five we'll make you current, and forget the back amount.

We hate to drop a good and useful person like you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Dr. Louis Wirth
Dept. of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Can I persuade you to pay up your dues in the Southern Regional Council? We've sent you the whole string of formal follow-ups, and nothing happens. Does some careful secretary make too-eager use of the wpb?

You joined in 45, and paid a buck. You paid the two bucks in 46. You owe a total of two dollars for 47 and three for 48 and three for 49 and three for 50. The gross: eleven bucks. Send us three or five and we'll make you current.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 2, 1950

Mr. Fred L. Brownlee
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Brownlee:

My warm congratulations on the two fine pamphlets, on Dorchester and the AMA Colleges. They are nice to handle, interesting to read, sincere and in flawless taste.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2, 1950

Dr. W. J. Faulkner
Dean of the Chapel
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dean Faulkner:

That is the easiest of subjects.

I will come up on the sleeper and reach the campus by nine o'clock in the morning.

If anybody in economics or something related wants a class taught at nine or ten a.m., I would be happy to get back into my teaching clothes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 2nd, 1950

Mr. Robert Walker
Walker's Grocery Company
Broad and Church Streets
Athens, Ga.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for the $1.00 you sent us covering a subscription to New South.

Subscription rate to New South was increased to $1.50 per year in November 1948, so won't you send us an additional 50¢ (stamps are acceptable) so that your subscription will be paid in full ?

We are happy to have you as a subscriber, and hope that you will enjoy our publication.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Daily File

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Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mailed 3/3/50 to 109-county weeklies in Ga.

March 3, 1950

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Executive Director

March 3rd, 1950

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Box 31,
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dean Gomillion:

I am more sorry than I can tell you that our supply of the folder, What Kind of South Do You Want, is completely exhausted, and has been for some time.

We have fairly good supplies of the enclosed leaflet (which we are now using for the same purpose, together with membership blank), and I am sending you 150 to 200 of them under separate cover. We shall all be most happy when funds permit us to re-order the first named pamphlet.

Thank you for the names and addresses under which memberships are to be entered for the Alabama Industrial Union Council, and the Washington Chapel of the A.M.E. Church. Also for information on the change of officers. We are especially glad to know that you are to be the new secretary.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 3rd, 1950

Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse
219 N. Upper Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Fouse:

This is in reply to your postal card asking about the state of your dues payments, and saying you were under the impression you had paid your dues for 1949 to the Kentucky treasurer, Mrs. Young.

According to our records here, your first dues were paid on March 27, 1947, when you joined the Council. We have not received any dues from you since that time, so that you would now owe $2.00 for March 1948 through February 1949, and $3.00 for March 1949 through February 1950, with current dues now due of $3.00 for March 1950 through February 1951, or a total of $8.00. (Dues were increased from $2.00 to $3.00 at the November annual meeting, 1948.)

Mrs. Young is usually quite prompt in sending in to us dues that she has received, so won't you please check this again ? As you doubtless know, our slender budget is under great strain at all times, and we DO want to keep you as a member.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 3, 1950

Mr. Monk Bryan
The Methodist Church
Main at First Street
Maryville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bryan:

That was indeed kind of you to send us your contribution of $2.50 through President Charles Johnson of Fisk. The Council is grateful for this gift, and especially so for your interest in our work which it evidences.

I am sending a few leaflets which describe in a general way the work of the Council. Won't you become a member ? We'd like to have you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 3rd, 1950

Mr. Roy E. Stryker
39 Claremont Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Stryker:

That was most kind of you to send, for the work of the Council, your check for $10.00 via Mr. George Stoney.

Coming as it does at a time of financial stress for the Council's small budget, your gift is especially appreciated and we want to thank you most warmly.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 3, 1950

Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Director
Opportunity Fellowships
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

As soon as your letter came, I talked by telephone with two friends.

One is Earl Mayhew, United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, Lexington, Kentucky. He knows more about the Kentucky mountains than any one else I know. He saw the chance at once. I mailed him three blanks. He will spend this weekend at Berea College and a couple of other mountain colleges and see that some worthy applications reach you.

The other guy is R. D. Wellons, President of Pembroke State College, Pembroke, North Carolina. Pembroke is at the center of a community of fifteen thousand people, mixed about even-steven Negro, Indian and white--the individuals mixed, I mean. I happen to like the Pembroke people a lot. A few years ago, they were practically all share croppers. A lot are now owners, and the whole community is coming along nicely. The Lord knows, they are a disadvantaged bunch. I doubt that they have had more than twenty-five college graduates in all their history. Wellons will send you an application or two.

Oklahoma and Arkansas are too far away for me. I don't know how to make anything move there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 3, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

Here are a couple of application blanks for the John Hay Whitney Foundation Opportunity Fellowships.

If your candidate or candidates will fill in the blank and send it on to Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Director of Opportunity Fellowships, I feel sure that due consideration will be given.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 3, 1950

The John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Sirs:

I have the pleasure of sending you several copies of the current issue of New South, which contains some notice of the Opportunity Fellowships.

New South goes to some 4,500 subscribers, mainly in the Southern States, and perhaps half of them white and half of them Negro.

We had Mr. Embree's kind encouragement in carrying some such notice. His death occurred while this issue was in the press.

We are delighted that this most useful scholarship program is to be kept going; it will be richly rewarding to us all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 3, 1950

Mr. Louis I. Jaffe, Editor
The Virginian-Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

We were so taken with the editorial from the January 10 issue that we took the liberty of reprinting it in New South, as herewith.

I have heard that later ones on this matter have been quite up to the standard of this one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 3, 1950

Mrs. Helen F. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Helen:

Thanks for letting us know the outcome of negotiations with the Louisiana Press Association. We will go ahead with the mailing from here.

Thanks too for putting us onto Easton King, whom I hadn't heard of. I've added his name to my list of approachable newspaper publishers and will pass on the suggestion to the officers of the Mississippi Division.

I think the article on the New Orleans election is fine indeed. It holds the lead spot in New South, which came off the press yesterday. I have already sent you and Father O'Connell each a batch of copies for your own use. Brant Coopersmith is in town, so I had a chance to tell him in person what a good job it was.

The county unit suit is proceeding nicely. It was heard in the federal district court last week, and a decision should be forthcoming early next week. Chances are the decision will be unfavorable, but the court record is in good shape for an appeal to the Supreme Court, whence all blessings flow.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

March 3, 1950

Dr. Luther Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

How nice to get your note. I had heard merely that the bills died in committee. Interesting that the vote was so close.

You know my business about nothing holding on the first heat. "Hot it up one time, and hot it up the second time and it will stick!" Now let's get ready for the second heat.

Interesting letter from the Chase City lady. Couldn't she get a good deal of what she wants out of that book called The Negro in Virginia by that man down at Hampton?

We have mailed Race in the News to all the county weeklies in Virginia--more accurately Emerson Smith mailed it out. That still merely lays the ground for more for you to do in arranging local follow-up.

It occurs to me that twenty years ago, white Virginians only occasionally had it in their heads that Negroes were Virginians also. Now isn't it the case that usually white people in Virginia consider the Negroes are Virginians too? I would guess that you have done as much as anybody to convert the white people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

P. S. Many thanks for the envelope with the dues. We appreciate it.

March 3, 1950

Mr. Robert H. Ayers
The University of Georgia
Office of the Chaplain
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ayers:

That was mighty kind of you to send us that five dollars. We have been sweeping the house for pennies, and a whole five dollars is cause for celebration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 3, 1950

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As you know Dean Faulkner has most kindly asked me to come and talk to the Convocation April 4, and I am, of course, coming.

I would like to use some of that day to get to see Mr. Starr and ask him directly to help us if he can. Could you be so kind as to ask for an appointment for me, or should I (less desirable by a good deal in my opinion) write him from here and ask him for twenty minutes of that day?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Miss Margaret McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Here is some dope about me and a mat.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

Some weeks ago I wrote Mr. Edward Lewis, in New Orleans, asking him to be one of our $250.00 contributors. He had very kindly given me time for a pleasant visit with him, and had asked that I write.

We haven't heard anything more.

Could you be so very kind as to remind him of the Council's need and worth?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart & Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We have now had Race in the News mailed out to the county weekly newspapers in the following states:

Alabama:	by the Alabama Division
South Carolina:	by the South Carolina Division
Texas:	by the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation
Mississippi:	by the Mississippi Division
Arkansas:	pending
North Carolina:	by the North Carolina Division
Tennessee:	by the Tennessee Division
Georgia:	by the Georgia Interracial Commission
Virginia:	by the Dept. of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches
Louisiana:	by this office
Kentucky:	by the Kentucky Division
Oklahoma:	by a Fellow of the Council

We are anxious to get them out to the Florida papers. We wrote you some weeks ago about the plan, and haven't yet heard what you wish.

It ends up with our preparing the letters, stuffing the envelopes, addressing them and licking on the stamps and sending you the bundle to open and slip into the mailbox. But we need your agreement!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 28. We continue to be much sustained by the $2,500 and are most grateful for it.

I will write again in August and lay before you what may be most pressing then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1114½ Lynch Street
Jackson 1, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Thanks for encouragement. I'll got to see Dr. Hansberry the very next time I am in Washington.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mr. Gordon W. Blackwell, Director
Institute for Research in Social Science
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Here is a list of the principal officers of the Council's State Divisions and affiliated interracial committees. I should think they would be the most suitable people to whom to mail the leaflet about the Seminar in Intergroup Relations. It should be useful to send each of these people three or four copies.

I doubt that sending the leaflet out to our general mailing of 4,500 people would do much good because of the pretty high educational qualifications for taking part in the seminar.

What happens about Negroes? Be it noted that many officers on our list a e of the Negro Race.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

We want to do a pamphlet that will help get more Southern understanding of and support for the FEPC idea.

I thought you might do us a turn. How about going down to SCAD HQ in NY City and digging out a case or two, after discussion with the folks, that looks useful? I think there's a good chance that your knack would yield a couple of paragraphs that would do a lot of good in a pamphlet. I think you could write up a case in such a way as would convince "our folks" of the need for and practicability of justice. I've read the formal things, and the informal that SCAD and other State and municipal FEPCs get out. Some of it good, but you know we need a special touch. I think you could do it. Will you give it a try?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Garrity:

Thanks for your letter, about the meeting I am to take part in on Monday, March 20. I quite look forward to it.

I'll check into the Hotel Charlotte that morning.

Meanwhile, I'll be thinking up what white people ought to do!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Mr. Glenn Collins
2217 Sabine Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have pounds and pounds of material about discrimination. I send a select half-pound and a list of all the rest.

Maybe you would do well to take part of the subject: Discrimination and the School Systems, or Discrimination in Employment, or Discrimination on Streetcars, Bus, Trains, Etc.

If we can help you further, please call on us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, DD
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 11, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Schaeffer:

Thanks for your letter. I am always confident that you are ticking usefully in your State; your qualities, applied to the State's needs, are what the Council wants; none of us will quarrel if you apply them through (many) other channels.

I have read Mrs. Lyell's paper with care. I think it is good, and useful to be said; she has a strong point about the difference between the white and the Negro definition of segregation. I dare suggest that she omit the paragraphs at the bottom of page two and top of page three which I Have marked; not that they aren't so, but that they would robe the whole paper of its effectiveness in the State as it is. With those paragraphs left out, or softened, I would think it would be quite well to print the paper.

If the legislature won't provide for a study of the school matter, that will enable both races to get their views in in a dignified way, what do you think of the Mississippi Division seeking funds, say from the General Education Board, to do the job? For twelve or fifteen thousand you could get a staff, and put the facts before the people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6, 1950

The Librarian
Tennessee State Planning Commission
417 Seventh Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Madame:

Please send me Industrial Trends in Tennessee.

I enclose one dollar ($1.00) in currency to cover cost of same.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 6th, 1950

Bishop Benjamin G. Shaw
A. M. E. Zion Church
1044 North Fifth Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bishop Shaw:

Your most welcome check for $50.00, sent through President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University, has just been received and I hasten to acknowledge this evidence of your concern for the work and welfare of the Council.

We are deeply grateful for this, and for your further promise of additional $50.00 in the near future.

Thank you most sincerely.

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 6th, 1950

The Very Reverend Armand J. Weber
386 North Castell Street
New Braunfels, Texas

Dear Father Weber:

Recently you sent us your check for $1.50 in renewal of your subscription to New South.

Members of the Council receive New South as a part of their membership, and we should of course greatly prefer to have you as a member rather than as a subscriber. Membership is $3.00 per year, which would require an additional $1.50, but we hope that you, too, will want to continue your membership as much as we want to keep you. Won't you let us hear from you ?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 6, 1950

Mr. Donald Grant
Flat 1
17A Gt. Ormond Street
London, W.C. 1 England

Dear Mr. Grant:

Nice to have word from you February 8.

Here is a memorandum that gives our acts and needs.

I don't know whether you got Race in the News or not. It has done an amazing amount of good.

I am greatly interested in straightening out the American misconceptions of Africa. If you find anything helpful on that, I would appreciate knowing about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7th, 1950

Dear Ruth Davidson Malcom:

How very nice to have a letter from you ! And a check, too ! Thank you for both. The latter is being applied to dues and will keep you current through December 1950.

We are glad to know about the change of address, to Ypsilanti, but what are the prospects for a change to Atlanta, Georgia ? That would really ring the bell around here. I do hope the visit will materialize, at any rate. Let us know, won't you ?

Your adoption of a foster son is most interesting news; it should indeed prove to be to be a rewarding adventure, and a very worth while one. We are going to look forward to hearing about its progress, from time to time.

Margaret and David Ruhe I do not hear from, and probably for the very good reason that I do not write. I can probably give you their New York Address if you do not have it. Muriel and Stillman Williams are in Switzerland, you doubtless know, and I might even get their address for you if you need it.

Alma sends her regards, as I do mine, -- always.

Herewith my best !

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 7, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you so much for that welcome check for fifty dollars from Bishop Shaw. Mrs. McKoy has written him as enclosed.

Since our account to you, we have had the following New amounts:

Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial	
By S. J. Phillips, President	$ 100.00
Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute	10.00
Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.	50.00
Bishop B. G. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.	50.00
(will give second $50.00 in near future)	

That brings the whole receipts so far up to $600.00. I still think it will bring in several hundred dollars more.

We are mighty grateful to you for lending us your strength.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

P.S. Dr. Hancock has written us "Follow up your letters by all means." What do you think? If a follow-up, should it be a letter under your signature alone or Paul's or the three of you or for mine?

PPS The enclosed would be my notion of a follow-up for your signature, but I would rather have your own draft.

March 15, 1950

Dear Mr. _____:

A month ago, Paul Williams, Gordon Hancock, and I wrote and asked if you could give a hundred dollars to the Southern Regional Council.

A good number of people have, and the sum considerably relieved the pressure on the Council, but it is still going to take several thousand more dollars to see them through.

I make bold to bring our request to your attention again. Do send your check if you possibly can.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

March 7, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I am delighted that the Assistant Attorney General in Texas got supplied with something useful.

Since our last letter to you, we have had the following additional sums:

Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial	
By S. J. Phillips, President	$ 100.00
Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute	10.00
Tuskegee Institute	50.00
Bishop B. G. Shaw, A.M.E. Zion Church Birmingham, Ala.	50.00
(will send second $50.00 in near future)	

This brings the whole receipts so far up to $600.00, and I still think we will get several hundred more.

If Dr. Clement agrees about follow-ups, he and I will arrange some way to get them out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mr. Gordon Weisenborn
674 Irving Park Blvd.
Chicago 13, Illinois

Dear Gordon:

I am so pressed for funds that all answer I contemplate writing your Mr. Silberman and asking him to give us some help.

Is this the wrong time, or should I at all, or can you advise me?

That was a nice dinner, and he and his wife were nice people, and I just don't like to write to that nice guy and ask him to give us dough.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mrs. Embrey Stephenson
Hampshire Pike
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stephenson:

At the request of Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts we are mailing you some pamphlets which describe the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We should be happy to welcome you to our membership. Please write us if we can provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 7, 1950

Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts
29 High Place
Freeport, Long Island, New York

Dear Mrs. Evarts:

We have mailed information about the Council to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and to Mrs. Stephenson, this time to Columbia, Tennessee. Many thanks for calling this to our attention.

We do appreciate your interest and your continued support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 7, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mitchell
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell:

At the request of Mrs. Mary Porter Evarts we are mailing you some pamphlets which describe the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We should be happy to welcome you into our membership. Please write us if we can provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 7, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We have now sent out Race in the News to the county weeklies in all the southern states except Arkansas and Florida. We expect it to go out in both those states pretty soon.

In each case except Louisiana, it was sent from within the state. The New Orleans people thought it best for this office to mail it to the Louisiana weeklies.

I can't say we have made much of a splash with the mailing to the weeklies. Only two or three have written us at all, but it may be that our various local officials who signed the letters have had more response. Anyway, I feel better having got it into each man's hands.

We are truly grateful to you for your help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mr. Dave Grundfest, President
Sterling Stores Co., Inc.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grundfest:

A fine and a famous Methodist woman leader who is Field Secretary for the Southern Regional Council is to be in Little Rock later on this month to arrange a meeting of people from all over the state who might be interested in setting up an Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council. Letters are going out now to several hundred people in the state inviting them to the meeting. It will be held March 21, 3:30 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A., Sixth and Broadway in Little Rock.

This is to tell you about the meeting and to express the hope that if you are free and are interested, you will attend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

The Reverend Mr. Annoyer
Livingstone College
Salisbury, N. C.

Dear Mr. Annoyer:

I happen to subscribe to the Pembroke Progress, which in its March 2 issue carried brief notice of your appearance at Red Springs High School.

Our Council has been feeling about for ways in which to get advantage taken of the presence in the South of numerous students from Africa. I have tried to get contacts worked out through colleges and churches. It would help everybody if the various institutions, particularly white ones, would use this remarkable opportunity to learn about things in Africa.

Will you be good enough to write me advice on the subject?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien R. Childs
75 King Street
Charleston 4, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

I greatly enjoyed the clipping about Broadus. Thank you for sending it to me.

A year or so ago, when the Hiss matter first came up, Broadus told me that when he saw about it in the papers he said, "Uh! Oh! They've got hold of the wrong man. Alger Hiss is an Episcopalian, and no Episcopalians are Communists!"

We live, by the hardest. The South Carolina Division came nobly to the rescue, with several hundred dollars, and we are most grateful. A real South Carolina Deed.

Marshall Field gave us $2,500.00 just lately, which encourages us. But the sum we need is really big, and we don't yet know where it will come from.

We got Race in the News out to practically every country weekly in the South. I think it is already doing a lot of good in the city papers, and will slowly seep into the country ones.

Every best wish,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mr. Paul S. Taylor
116 South Euclid Avenue
Berkeley 8, California

Dear Paul:

I have read the June Western Political Quarterly with my usual praise of your combination of seeing far and watching close. Also the memo on the Florida business, which was new to me, entirely, and which I will watch.

Send me some more!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mr. H. D. Bollinger, Secretary
Administration and Program
Board of Education of
The Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bollinger:

You wrote March 3 about Rev. Jack McMichael.

He is not a member of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 7, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We totalled up today all the contributions from South Carolina that came in response to your most generous appeal.

Five hundred and twenty-eight dollars. We think that is a whole lot. And it came in when we were in the greatest need.

I am getting up a list of all the South Carolina contributors, with notations as to amount where it was ten dollars or above. We'll send that to you, as partial thanks ourselves, and as a means of making it easier for you, in getting about the State, to thank such kind people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 8, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

Many thanks for the report on the John Hay Whitney Foundation. I do hope one of the young men will have some luck.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund has long had a special interest in Indian matters. The Director is Dr. Channing Tobias and their address is 101 Park Avenue, New York City. My understanding is that the Phelps-Stokes Fund has very little money left itself, and I have no supposition that they could provide the facilities you want, but I think Mr. Tobias could give you some useful advice.

There is also something, as you know, called the National Recreation Association whose address is 315 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York. They would not have any money but they might help to interest somebody who could do it.

Sometime, when you have leisure (!), dig out of the files the pageant twice performed about 1938 and 1939. It died in a minor quarrel, but it had its uses for Pembroke people in enlisting outside liking.

A sincere friend of Pembroke who has many contacts is Mrs. Ruth Muskrat Bronson--more generally, Mrs. Ruth M. Bronson. She lives in Washington. She spent many years in the office of Indian Affairs and now is in some way connected with the Indian Lobby. Her name and address would be in the Washington telephone directory. I took her to Pembroke several times.

Another person who knows and likes Pembroke and has many contacts is D'Arcy McNichol. Still another is Ward Sheppard, whereever he is.

Keep an eye on my young man Abner Nash Locklear. He got good training at Ohio State and showed character and steadiness. I have seen him only once or twice since he graduated but each time have thought that he hasn't

fully using himself. I tried to get Abner trained as a rural community planner. What he learned was straight farming, but he knows what the bigger idea is. If he could be got off to a year's graduate work at Harvard School of Agricultural Economics or to Cornell or could get an interneship in Washington in the Department of Agriculture for a year, he could blossom.

Another notion I have long had is for a great map to be made of central Robeson County on a scale large enough to show individual land holdings. Every scrap that is family farmer owned could be specifically marked. Then the tenant holdings; then the places being sharecropped. Pembroke has made remarkable progress in the last fifteen years toward becoming a community of owner farmers. That needs to be made more conscious and speeded up. I should think a Veterans' On The Farm training class could take on a map making job like that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 8, 1950

Professor Paul E. Pfuetze
The University of Georgia
Department of Philosophy
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pfuetze:

Many thanks for your nice note. I enjoyed coming as I always do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 8, 1950

Mr. Ernie Klein
Box 39 Eden
Webster Groves, Missouri

Dear Mr. Klein:

I thank you for writing. We have been in a bad way for money, and have only just got out a January-February issue, which must have crossed your card, in the mails.

For what amends I can make I send a nearly complete file of last year's issues.

We hope to be"regular" for a while to come, at any rate.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 8, 1950

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I saw in the February, 1950 issue of the Tennessee Planner, under Educational Activities, p. 131, that a three weeks' workshop in economic education is being arranged, At Ward-Belmont, June 19 - July 7, 1950. Sponsors - Peabody, Vanderbilt, U.T., for some seventy administrators and teachers from all parts of the State. Purpose, "to sensitize teachers to the need for economic education in the schools", etc. Looks very useful.

Will it be "inclusive"?

The note in Tennessee Planner is by Margaret Carroll, Associate Planning Director. She is at the State office of the State Planning Commission, 417 Seventh Avenue, North.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 8, 1950

The Honorable Sidney S. McMath
Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Governor McMath:

With the help of various individuals and local groups, our Council is arranging a meeting at Little Rock on March 21, at 3:30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., Sixth and Broadway. It is thought that those who attend might wish to set up a permanent state-wide interracial body, which would become a Division of the Southern Regional Council.

The Arkansas citizens who attend, and the Council, would be greatly honored if it should prove possible for you to be present. In any case, I write you to tell you in advance of the meeting, and to tell you about the Council.

We are an outgrowth of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which worked diligently in the South from 1919 to 1943. I believe a Little Rock interracial committee survives from that period. We are now represented by State Divisions of the Council in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky. In Louisiana the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations is a part of the Council. In Texas and Georgia the State Commissions on Interracial Cooperation are affiliated with the Council. And in Virginia we work closely with the (independent) Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches. Thus at the present time our work is organized in all Southern States except Arkansas and Oklahoma, and we of course have individual membership in those two.

Our membership is approximately 3500, scattered over the South. The Board of Directors is a body of distinguished Southern persons, whose names you will recognize.

Our program is the achievement of equal opportunity for all. We have gone about the work soberly, and in a way that has won us some respect for accuracy of statement and for responsibility in action. It has always been our effort to deserve the considered attention of State and local government officers, though we are of course an entirely private and independent body. The Council is non-political, non-sectarian, and of course includes people without distinction of race.

We are anxious that in trying to expand work of this kind in Arkansas we shall have the interest and good-will of the people of the State and of its officials.

I enclose various things we have published, which will give you a ready view of the work we do.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 9, 1950

Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse
219 N. Upper Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Fouse:

Following my letter of the 3rd, I am very happy to tell you that we have located a dues payment of $3.00 for you sent in by Mr. J. M. Tydings, Chairman of your Kentucky Division. This ties in with your own impression of having paid through the Kentucky treasurer.

Since you owed $2.00 for March 1948 through February 1949, $3.00 for March 1949 through February 1950, with current dues of $3.00 now up for March 1950 through February 1951, or a total of $8.00, this payment sent through Mr. Tydings would leave a balance of $5.00 now owing.

It would be the greatest help to the Council if you could send this along.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 9, 1950

Greenville Piedmont
303 S. Main Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is twenty cents (20¢) in cash, for which please send me four (4) copies of the Piedmont, issue of March 3, 1950.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

March 9, 1950

The Right Reverend John Moore Walker
2744 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Walker:

The Council has undertaken to organize a State Division in Arkansas. We are sending to Little Rock for a general meeting March 21st Mrs. M. E. Tilly, who serves as field secretary for the Council.

We wrote first to our few members in the State (27) and asked them to send us the names of persons who should be asked to come to the meeting. Many replied, and we have written to something like 500, asking them to be present.

Today Mrs. Tilly had a letter from Bishop Mitchell, which has caused us some concern. He recalled having given us some small sum years ago, but did not suppose that made him continuously a member, and wished that his name be removed from our rolls. He said he hadn't had opportunity to learn much about the Council, and on that account was doubtful whether he wished to assist it, though he would try to be present at the meeting March 21. As his information was so general he did not know whether it was best that an Arkansas Division be established or not.

I looked up our records, and found it quite true that Bishop Mitchell last paid dues for the year 1946. A stricter clerical operation would have dropped him for delinquency of dues, but we hadn't. I will of course comply with his wishes.

Goodness knows we don't wish Bishop Mitchell to have an ill opinion of us. Further, I think the Council has all these years so done its work as to deserve the good opinion of all the clergy.

Would you be so kind as to get in touch with Bishop Mitchell, by letter or perhaps even by 'phone, and give him opportunity to become clear as to what sort of organization the Council is? We would be most grateful for what you may feel it courteous to do. It is of some urgency, as the

meeting is to be soon, and we would be distressed to have Bishop Mitchell in doubt as to our purposes and methods.

I am myself sending Bishop Mitchell a copy of the resolution of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee in 1947, and a list of the Council's Board members, with other items that may be useful to him.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

March 9, 1950

The Right Reverend R. Bland Mitchell
3 Edgehill Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Bishop Mitchell:

I do greatly hope that it will be possible for you to make some little study of the Council, and give it your approval and active help.

When your letter to Mrs. Tilly came in we looked up our records. It appears that you were originally invited to become a member of the Council June 19, 1945, and accepted September 4 of that year, paying the one dollar dues. You very kindly paid 1946 dues ($2.00) in August of that year. We have had no response to our subsequent bills, and of course should have dropped your name as delinquent in dues, but through clerical omission hadn't done so. We have of course complied with your wishes, and in distress removed your name from our membership files.

We have always had the warm friendship of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Various of its leaders took part in establishing the Council. Bishop Penick has been a member of our Board for years. The Synod of the Province of Sewanee cordially commended us in 1944 and again in 1947, and the Province itself has annually found it possible to give us from its slender resources a hundred dollars. Mrs. Henry Havens, of Jacksonville, Florida, was until quite recently both a Field Secretary of the Council and an active official in the Department of Christian Social Relations. Bishop Walker is a member of the Council, and a most friendly one. Bishop Moody has helped us in Kentucky. I am asking Bishop Walker to be so kind as to write you with his estimate of the Council.

I send you a list of all the members of our Board of Directors, in order that you may judge the quality of those who are responsible for our program. Additionally, a copy of a letter I sent a day or two ago to Governor McMath, in order that he would be exactly informed on the forthcoming meeting.

We greatly wish to have the help of Arkansas people, and to encourage their activity toward greater interracial understanding. We would be distressed if you found us unworthy of your support. Can you not write me that you think we may have it?

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh
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MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Re: Distribution of Dues

The 1949 Annual Membership Meeting established classes of membership which have been set as follows:

Member	$ 3.00
Joint Member with Husband or Wife	4.00
Contributing Member	5.00
Supporting Member	10.00
Sustaining Member	25.00

Nothing was said by the 1949 Membership Meeting as to any or what division should be made with State Divisions (including the New Orleans Chapter) of dues in excess of the old standard three dollars, under these classes of membership.

The staff has made increasing use of new membership application blanks showing the classified membership opportunity; and has been billing old members with a blank which showed these new classified memberships. In recent weeks, a good sprinkling of such higher-than-three-dollar memberships have been coming in.

The question of the division now comes up because of events in connection with the New North Carolina Division.

Three officers of the North Carolina Division sent out, presumably to all of the several hundred sometime contributors to the old North Carolina Interracial Commission, a letter, copy of which is attached. This letter is misdated December 20, 1949. It was apparently sent out approximately March 10, 1950. It would appear that the North Carolina officials distributed with that letter the blue membership blank showing joint classified membership, copy attached.

March 13 and March 14, we began to receive checks accompanied by tick-marked blue application blanks. It seems reasonable to believe that the North Carolina officers, who as officers of the former North Carolina Commission were accustomed to receiving good numbers of five and ten dollar checks, would have cause to question the good faith of this office were it to appropriate to its treasury all such membership sums in excess of $1.50.

The North Carolina matter, therefore, presents for a decision the whole

question of distribution of the higher-than-three-dollar membership receipts.

Your Executive Director, therefore, makes a recommendation as follows:

(1) Let it be assumed that the long established rule of division of basic dues money, half and half, between the State Divisions and the Council Headquarters in Atlanta, should flow over and govern this situation. If this is done, then one-half of all dues money, whether in three dollar amounts or greater, would be returned to the State Division of the state in which the dues payment originated. This applies to new members and old members. Of course, it would not affect states not having divisions; to wit, Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana outside the New Orleans area.

(2) That the effective date of this obligation to return one-half be arbitrarily set at January 1, 1950.

(3) That from March 15 forward, the bookkeeping in the Headquarters Office be so arranged as to reflect this decision.

What has been said above has no bearing upon the old established arrangement under which contributions (as distinct from membership dues, whether small or large) are payable to the appropriate State Division's Treasury, if so specifically designated, and payable to the Council Headquarters' Treasury, if not so specified for a State Division's Treasury.

If the Executive Committee approves this memorandum, the staff would undertake the duty, on behalf of the Executive Committee, of writing to the officers of each State Division and stating that this arrangement has been directed, effective as of January 1, 1950, and further stating that the arrangement would, of course, be subject to alteration at the will of either the Board of Directors or the Membership Meeting.

In the opinion of the Executive Director, this arrangement leans over backward to be fair to the State Divisions and offers some early increase in their treasuries.

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NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION, INC.

An Affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

P. O. Box 1208

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

December 20, 1949

Dear Mr. _____:

For the past two years, the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation has been affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. We have found that the aims of the Council and its methods of work have followed our tradition in North Carolina.

On October 18, 1949, the Executive Committee of the Interracial Commission decided that it would be advantageous to become the State Division of the Southern Regional Council. This means that membership dues will be collected by the Atlanta office. We hope you will continue to support the organization.

Plans are now being made for an annual meeting to be held soon after the first of the year. You will receive notice of this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Leon Russell
Chairman

Gurney P. Hood, Chairman
Board of Finance

Cyrus M. Johnson
Director

Secretary, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Believing in the principles and aims of the Southern Regional Council, I would like to become a:

/ Member ..... $ 3.00

/ Joint Member with Husband or Wife 4.00

/ Contributing Member 5.00

/ Supporting Member 10.00

/ Sustaining Member 25.00

(Note: Persons living outside the South are enrolled as Associate [non-voting] members.)

I enclose dues in the amount of $_____

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

March 10, 1950

Mr. Armistead S. Pride, Dean
School of Journalism
Lincoln University
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Dean Pride:

Mr. Frank P. Thomas, one of your students, wrote me the other day, and asked that I send you something about the Council's efforts to improve the handling of Negro news in the Southern press.

We remember that some months ago you very kindly asked for a copy of Race in the News, but we send you another for a spare.

We got it out, through the Southern Newspaper Publishers themselves, to all the Southern dailies, months ago. Just lately we found money enough to mail it to the 2000 county weeklies. We haven't yet heard much in reply from the weeklies, but the evidence of its effect on the dailies is on the whole gratifying. Many papers are minding p's and q's that they didn't formerly, and many are most generous in coverage, and in use of pictures. It is not a movement that we can claim to have started, but we gave it a good push, and shaped it some.

My Thomas is my good friend; I am glad he is in your hands.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 10, 1950

Mr. Alan D. Kandel
Associate Director
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council
1008 Scanlan Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Alan:

I am sorry too that we didn't have a chance to talk further at George Mitchell's.

We are glad to have you as a subscriber to New South. You should have by now the copies of the January-February issue which you requested. I'm also enclosing a publications list; if there is anything on it that looks useful to you, let me know and I will send it on.

The best way we can help, I believe, is by sending you the list of our members in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. There are not too many of them. The only rule the Council has about its membership list is that the names be used for direct contact (in person or by letter) and not for circular mailings.

Unfortunately, our membership records person will not be in the office until next week. I will send the list as soon as she has it prepared.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

March 10, 1950

Mr. Frank P. Thomas
418 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am so glad you are doing what you are doing. I have long thought we would all be further along if all our newspaper people had ample opportunity for just such graduate training as you are taking. Your good paper will be even better when you are back.

I wrote Mr. Pride. I am sure he must be a good egg.

On sharecropping, the latest figures are to be had from Ernest Neal, at Tuskegee. You know him, of course. Much that is useful will be found in a Government publication as follows:

Study of Agricultural and Economic Problems of the Cotton Belt
Hearings before Special Subcommittee on Cotton of the (House) Committee on Agriculture, 80th Congress First Session July 7 and 8, 1947

Here are what figures I got a couple of years ago.

Try Vance, All These People.

The Report of the Sparkman Committee of the Senate, on low-income families, last year, will be very helpful. Write John Sparkman for it.

Do get back and set us up a Committee in Tuscaloosa. We need them and they need us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

P.S. Hey! I looked you up: You aren't even a member of the Council. How about coughing up three bucks, broke as you are?

March 10, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your attendance means much and I do hope you will find it possible to come.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Mr. Charles H. Gillman
79½ Poplar Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gillman:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your attendance means much and I do hope you will find it possible to come.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your presence always means so much and I do hope you will find it possible to come.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10th, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your attendance means much and I do hope you will find it possible to come.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Exefutive Committee of the Council will meet on Friday, March 31st, for one of its most important sessions. The time is 10:66, and the place, here in the offices of the Council.

Your presence always means so much and I do hope you will find it possible to attend.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31, here in the offices of the Council, at 10:00 o'clock.

Your presence always means so much and I do hope you will find it possible to attend.

Please let me use this occasion, too, to thank you for the $25.00 check of the Catholic Committee of the South. It is not difficult to envision your own good offices here, and we dispatch forthwith, and herewith, our warm appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

The Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your presence will mean much, and I do hope you will find it possible to attend. Circle the date, and plan for it, won't you ?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on March 31, 1950, here in the offices of the Council, at 10:00 o'clock.

Your presence will mean much and I do hope you will find it possible to attend. Will you let me know on the attached card ?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

We were all sorry to learn of your recent illness, and do hope that you will be sufficiently recovered to attend the meeting. Will you let me know on the attached card ?

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

The Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday March 31st, here in the Council offices, at 10:00 o'clock.

We shall need your good counsel, and I do hope you will find it possible to attend. Will you let me know on the enclosed card ?

All good wishes from all of us here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This is to recall that the Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the Council offices at 10:00 o'clock.

We shall need your good counsel, and I do hope you will find it possible to come. Will you let me know on the enclosed card ?

We were all so appreciative of your letter of the 7th which arrived yesterday. No, we have not struck gold, but the $2,500.00 check of the Field Foundation did enable us to pay some back debts which were beginning to embarrass us -- yours among them ! Thank you for your kindly and generous thought, but do go ahead and use it; we are deriving considerable satisfaction in the knowledge that an obligation has been met !

All good wishes from all of us here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 10, 1950

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the Council offices at 10:00 o'clock.

We shall need your good counsel and I do hope you will find it possible to come. Will you let me know on the enclosed card ?

All good wishes from all of us here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 13, 1950

Mrs. Mary Pringle Fenhagen
916 St. Paul Street
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Fenhagen:

How very kind that was of you to send us so nice a note and so welcome a ten dollars.

Della, who used to cook at the Hopkins Club had sent me some newspaper notices of Broadus' return visit and some one from Charleston (Mrs. Marguerita Childs) sent me the reporter's account of an interview with Broadus. I was present at the farewell dinner for Broadus, as probably you were too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

The Reverend Mr. Annoyer
Livingstone College
Salisbury, N. C.

Dear Mr. Annoyer:

Very nice to have your letter of March 8. I am sorry that the copy I had about me of the Pembroke Progress did not get saved, but the notice was brief though cordial.

My interest is in multiplying examples of just such visits as you made to Red Springs. There are a good many scores of African students at colleges in these southern states.

There are thirty at Atlanta University, ten at Tallahassee, five at Jacksonville, eleven at Bethune-Cookman in Daytona. They came here for a world view, and we are certainly not getting it to them.

This Council has a good many linkswith church and university people over the South. I have been trying to think up ways in which to get more speaking engagements for these African young people, and thought, perhaps, you could tell me from your experience the best way to go about it.

Meanwhile, if I get to Salisbury any time soon, I will hope to catch you still there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

Miss Mary Sue Hibbs
910 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Hibbs:

Way back in 1946, you joined the Council and paid us a welcome two dollars. The membership clerk brought in to me the other day the problem of non-receipt of any dues from you for 1947, 1948, 1949 and now 1950. Truly, you ought to pay up your dues, thus assiting our records, your conscience and our need.

All together, it would amount to eleven dollars, but we will make you current through 1950 for a mere five dollars.

Do send us some word.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

Mr. James G. Hanes
Hanes Hosiery Mills Co.
Box 1413
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Mr. Hanes:

Our membership clerk brought me in the problem of your non-payment of dues.

You were a part of the very beginning of the Council and sent us dues for 1944, 1945, and 1946. We have been billing you in later years without any response.

I believe the sum now owed is two dollars for 1947, three dollars for 1948, three dollars for 1949, and three dollars for 1950, or a total of eleven dollars. In such cases, we offer to compound and make people current for five dollars or so.

The Council serves more usefully now than ever before. Do please keep your membership up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter came in on the tenth and on the eleventh, here came trotting along the University's check for fifty dollars. So, the fiscal boys are speedy, though in the matter of blackboards, the University works its professors.

I am grateful to you for the chance to talk to those able young people and to the University for the check.

You may be sure I will stop the next time I can get to Florida.

Warm regards to you and Mrs. Lewis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

Mr. James Patton
National Farmers Union
Denver, Colorado

Dear James:

As predicted!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

March 13, 1950

Dr. Luther Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

Here are ten(yellow jackets!) Thank you. They are fetching us quite a number of orders.

I send also a bonus of five copies of your fine pamphlet.

It helps me a lot to have the fresh news from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

13 March 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Secretary
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weekley:

Unfortunately, my trip through South Carolina was postponed last month, but I am finally planning to get away next week, and I would very much like to visit Greenville on my way.

If it would be convenient, I would like to plan to arrive in Greenville next Monday, March 20th; I believe that the train gets in around noon, so I will plan to show up at your office after lunch that day. If necessary, I can stay over the next day in order to see some of the Survey Committee people.

Although Monday and Tuesday would be the best days for me, I could rearrange my travels so as to be there Thursday or Friday if that time would better suit your schedule.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Greenville soon.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

March 13, 1950

Miss Muriel Rosenberg, Secretary
Los Angeles County
Conference on Community Relations
3125 West Adams Blvd.
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Miss Rosenberg:

Race in the News is doing a lot of good hereabouts. We would be happy if your folks would get a lot of them moving.

We sent you one today. Thank you for the fifteen cents in stamps. Correct. We've still got some hundreds. They are fifteen cents straight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 14, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
Executive Secretary
New Orleans Committee on Interracial Cooperation
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Here is our check for $39.50, with attached report showing one-half the dues received during December 1949, and January and February 1950 for New Orleans members.

1950 billing went out with the current issue of New South, and we trust the harvest will be a good one.

We were delighted with all the fine new memberships you have been sending in, and are most interested in the student ones. That is a promising field and one that so needs working.

All our good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 14, 1950

Mrs. W. G. Alsabrook
Box 21
Brenham, Texas

Dear Mrs. Alsabrook:

Here is the check for your refund, and we are indeed glad that it could be cleared so easily.

I am enclosing a few leaflets, together with our latest publications list, which I hope may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 14, 1950

Mr. James W. Miller
169 N. W. 24th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Miller:

Delighted to have you. I send a blank, separately, and with it a copy of Race in the News.

Let us know if we can help otherwise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

March 14, 1950

Miss Elizabeth Stoney
Box 242
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Miss Stoney:

Ben Segal, in Lynchburg, wrote us that you were a good egg and might care to join our Southern Regional Council.

Here is a leaflet, and three or four recent issues of our magazine. One has a membership blank on the back of it.

Chapel Hill is a kind of Old Home Place for the Council, so you'd be among many friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 14, 1950

Mr. Ben Segal
P. O. Box 1039
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Segal:

Thanks a whole lot for your fine membership, and the contribution, also fine.

How is the group getting along in Lynchburg?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 14, 1950

Mrs. Mary Pringle Fenhagen
916 St. Paul Street
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Fenhagen:

You told us not to pour postage and money into sending literature to you, and we won't.

We do have one recent item though that has done a very great deal of good, and I want you to see it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 14, 1950

Mr. Alan D. Kandel, Associate Director
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council
1003 Scanlan Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Kandel:

Here are the lists which Harold Fleming wrote to you about on March 10.

This is an unprecedented step for the Council to take, and I supply the list because I value a cooperative effort in producing improvement and preventing injustice and violence which the Council and the A.D.L. can have. I must be strict in requiring that you keep these in your own desk for your own personal use. It is of the greatest importance to the Council that they not be washed into a general clerical operation and that they not be used ever as a basis for a mailing.

You are most welcome to refer to the list yourself from time to time for a name that may be helpful to you in some special situation in some particular town.

I am sure you will understand my caution in this regard. People who join the Council do so in the expectation that the Council will preserve an entirely personal relationship with them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 15, 1950

Miss Jeanette Barrington
Box 226, University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Barrington:

Many thanks for your letter.

Start in Columbia with Miss Adele Minahan. She'll tell you others to talk with. If you get a chance, drive over to Mayesville, and hunt up the South Carolina Chairman, Mr. J. M. Dabbs. Seven miles out, at Rip Raps. Mighty good man.

I am sending separately some material about the Council. Technically you ought to send us a couple of dollars, more or less, for it. Maybe you'll care to join us, for three dollars, and we'll forget about the pamphlets!

I spent five years as a kiddo on the USC campus, and so write you the more gaily!

Call on us for more, if you need it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 15, 1950

Mr. John Q. Schisler, Ex. Sec.
Division of the Local Church
Board of Education, Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

We are having heavy weather. Would it be possible for the General Board to send us its (most kind and deeply appreciated) annual $250.00 early this Spring rather than later on? We would be most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMcK:wgd

March 15, 1950

Mr. David Silberman, Jr.
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I'm in pretty tough straits.

Without the Rosenwald Fund we have lived by the hardest. We've got some money coming to us, quite a lot of it, but we don't know when. Meanwhile we have to have money to keep going on. I had the best hopes in an Atlanta Foundation, whom we had asked for $5000.00. Here's their letter, received today.

Our Executive Committee has let us run along, cut to the thinnest possible staff, hoping funds could be found. The Committee meets March 31, to decide whether to call the Board for late April, which would probably mean closing out the Council. It's too useful a show to die. And it wouldn't take a lot, now, to keep it doing its job.

It's a bit bold, but I make bold to ask you to help. 'Twould be a real deed for the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

March 16, 1950

Mr. Ellis L. Siders
205-5, Village
Standord, California

Dear Mr. Siders:

I can recommend to you several items:

(1)Study of Agricultural and Economic Problems of the Cotton Belt, Hearings before Special Subcommittee on Cotton of The Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives, Eightieth Congress, First Session, July 7 and 8, 1947.
(2)Material available from Senator John Sparkman of Alabama: Low-Income Families and Economic Stability, Materials on the Problem of Low-Income Families,
(3)A pamphlet, Machines in the Cotton Fields by the Council, copy being sent you individually, price $.20. Please send us that in stamps.
(4)Material available from Mr. Ernest E. Neal of the Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama on share cropping and tenure in Alabama.
(5)An issue of our small magazine yielding some figures on farm tenancy, enclosed.
(6)Our pamphlet on rural housing, also being sent you separately, cost $.20.

I can't turn in and answer your eight questions without writing you a paper. I can put my own idea very quickly. The problem is to get into the crops which will have the highest value in our growing southern industrial area and do so in a way that so far from preserving the patternof large land owenership substitute for that in very large measure a pattern of individual and skillful family owenership farm operations.

As to what the Southern Regional Council is, here is a leaflet. We are poor, but we do what we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 16, 1950

Miss Juanita H. Neely
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Neely:

Please disregard our notice of membership dues. We have searched our records and find no evidence of your membership, and we are most interested to learn how you happen to receive a dues notice.

You will do us a great kindness if you will inform us as to how our notice was addressed to you. Also, if any more are sent to you will you please return them along with our envelope.

We are most anxious to clarify our records and appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 16, 1950

Mr. Morris R. Mitchell
The Putney School
Putney, Vermont

Dear Morris:

Here is some material about the Council, and the memorandum is as of February this year.

We are in quite a tight situation indeed. Our Executive Committee is to meet March 31 and decide what to do. Money is to come to us through a prospective legacy at some date not known, but, meanwhile, we have to have funds to keep going.

I got turned down yesterday on the saving five thousand dollars I had expected from the Rich Foundation here in Atlanta. A very nice letter saying that a contingent obligation for twenty-five thousand dollars had come on them, and they had to pay that in preference to helping us.

We are doing more than ever before.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell

GSM:wgd

March 16th, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding, Treasurer
North Carolina State Division, SRC
Durham, N.C.

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

Here is our report, with covering check, for dues payments of North Carolina members during the last quarter of 1949.

You will be interested to know that the letter sent out recently to former members of NCIRC under the signatures of Dr. Russell, Mr. Hood, and Mr. Johnson, is beginning to bring in a sheaf of membership dues. This is very heartening.

Sincerely

(Mrs) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 16, 1950

Mr. Raymond R. Paty
The Rich Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 4539
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paty:

A kind letter and we are grateful for it though abundantly sorry that the Foundation did not find it possible to help us.

I genuinely appreciate the earnest consideration given to our request.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 16, 1950

Mr. C. A. Chick, Sr.
Fayetteville State Teachers College
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chick:

Many thanks for your kind letter and for your one dollar contribution to our work.

We are mailing you one of our most recent and effective publications, Race in the News, along with a membership blank, and our hope that you will join the Council.

Your support and interested is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 16, 1950

Mr. Stringfellow Barr
Foundation for World Government
58 Park Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Winkie:

I run a good and useful show which is in desperate straits for money. Here is some information about us. I have an abundance of pamphlets, and I can send you audits, etc.

The Rosenwald Fund kept a backlog behind us for years. It is one dickens of a business to keep going without that backlog. I talked to Pete Hudgens by phone today. He said maybe you could help. I don't need a lot, four or five thousand will pull me through until a considerable sum coming to us, does come to us. Unless I can find it fairly soon though, it looks like we are going to have to close up.

I can't claim I am doing much for world government; certainly not directly anyway. But nobody is going to be able to govern the world unless we find some decent governing in this part of the world, and we do work at that hard.

Do any of my projects suit you? Though, what I most need is something in my general budget.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

White

March 17, 1950

Miss Adele Minahan, Treasurer
South Carolina State Division, SRC
1930 College Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Miss Minahan:

The attached check covers December, and so completes 1949. It has been a hard year for the Council and we are grateful for your understanding.

As I shall be leaving the Council at the end of March, I want to tell you at this time how much I have enjoyed our association. I shall always remember you with pleasure, and do hope that our paths may sometime bring us together again.

Cordially, and with every good wish,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Mrs. William C. White, Treasurer
Florida State Division, S.R.C.
Okechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Here id our report with covering check, showing dues received from Florida members of S.R.C. during December 1949. This has been a most difficult year for the Council, and we are grateful for your understanding.

In a periodic combing of our membership files we have removed from the Florida section the cards of approximately thirty members who are delinquent for 3-years past dues, and who now owe for a fourth. We should, under a directive of our Board, have dropped them (and some in other States, too !) last year. They have been billed many times, and we feel that they are probably hopeless, but I am enclosing them for you to see. They all owe $10.00 by now, including $3.00 for 1950, but we would be willing to clear the slate and make them current again for a payment of $5.00, if there are any that you think you could induce to come across. If not, just destroy the cards, and we will proceed with dropping them here.

As I shall be leaving the Council at the end of March, I want to say now how pleasant it has been to work with you. I do hope our paths may cross again.

Cordially, and with every good wish,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy

Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith, Treasurer
Tennessee State Division, S.R.C.,
Methodist Parsonage
Donnelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Here is our report, with covering check, showing dues received for Tennessee members of SRC during the last quarter of 1949. This has been a most difficult year for the Council, and we are grateful for your understanding.

As I am leaving the Council at the end of March, I want to tell you now how pleasant it has been to work with you. I hope sometime our paths may cross again.

Cordially, and with every good wish,

(Mrs)Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dean Gomillion:

I am enclosing a copy of the report of dues payments which has just been sent, with covering check, to the Alabama treasurer, Mr. Shores. A similar copy will come to you each time a report is made. Generally this is done at the close of each month.

We are preparing for you here a set of Alabama membership cards which will duplicate our master set, and which will show when each individual became a member, what dues he has paid, and when, etc. When new members join, we will send you a covering card, running these off on our addressograph as soon as we can get stencils made.

If, when you receive your copy of the dues-payment report, you will enter the payments shown on the appropriate card, you will then have an up-to-date record of each member, and of his status, just as we have here.

You probably know that one-half of all dues payments is returned to State Divisions for local use.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Mr. Arthur D. Shores, Treasurer
Alabama Division, S.R.C.,
1630 - Fourth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Shores:

Here is our report with covering check for membership dues received from Alabama members of S.R.C., during December, 1949. The past year has been a difficult one for the Council and we are grateful for your understanding.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, Treasurer
Mississippi State Division, S.R.C.,
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Here is our report with covering check for December, thus completing 1949. This has been a hard year for the Council and we are grateful for your understanding.

As I am leaving the Council at the end of March, and may not be writing you again, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you. I am going to remember you with so much pleasure and do hope our paths will sometime bring us together again.

Cordially, and with every good wish,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17th, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
Secretary, Kentucky Division, S.R.C.
418 - South Fifth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Here is our report, with covering check, for dues received from Kentucky Members of S.R.C., during the last quarter of 1949. This has been a most difficult year for the Council, and we are grateful for your understanding.

As I am leaving the Council at the end of March, I want to tell you now how nice it has been to work with you. I do hope our paths will bring us together again.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 17, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

I have promised to be in Charlotte, N. C. March 20 and so can not get to the Executive Committee meeting at Mongtomery on the 21st, but thank you for letting us know. We like to hear of each meeting and as often as we can have some one there.

At this removed from the state, I hesitate to suggest the program you should work on. Equal schools is well in the fore. There is so much that can be done in the counties and towns in negotiating agreement on a early and honest school equalization plan.

I suppose a great many people are trying to correct the bad conditions in Birmingham, but surely the Council ought to be an important part of the forces at work, in not only police violence but in the denial of the vote.

Now that Race in the News has been mailed out to each of the county weeklies you have a neat job of arranging follow-up in each locality. Get theeditor visited and urged.

Can't you get some hometown self-surveys going? Greenville, S. C. is delighted with its, now nearly complete.

Have you got the KKK on the run or is that still to be done?

Broke as we are, I am still hoping for the day that between the state divisions and the Council office here arrangements can be made to have in each state at least a half-time paid person.

Mrs. Tilly will be meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas that day a group of people invited to form an Arkansas Division.

If your people can find any way to raise even small sums to help us in our deep distress, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd

George S. Mitchell

March 20, 1950

Mr. John Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Division of the Local Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

Thank you for your letter of March 17.

We did not realize that your check for two hundred dollars sent in October was our yearly appropriation, since it was for a different amount. It was the fact that your grant usually arrives in March and that we are hard pressed for funds that prompted us to write you at this time.

We are indeed grateful for your interest and support, and would be glad to send information about the Council to a suggested list from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 20, 1950

Bishop Robert N. Brooks
The Methodist Church
New Orleans Area
631 Baronne Street
New Orleans 13, Louisiana

My dear Bishop Brooks:

We are most appreciative of your good wishes and your kind gift of one hundred dollars.

Our work will benefit greatly from your interest and support which we need especially at this time.

Please accept our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 20, 1950

The Right Reverend R. Bland Mitchell
3 Edgehill Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Bishop Mitchell:

Thank you a lot for your kind letter of March 15 which puts me much more at ease.

We have never had any one to work at building membership in Arkansas, and I suppose that most of the people we have have written in from time to time and offered to join. Or else, their names have been given us by other members and then we have invited them.

The Council is a flexible organization trying only to get people within each state and town to do as much as they can. It has had good acceptance over the South as useful and level-headed.

I do hope you will care to be of help to us in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 20, 1950

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Co. of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Here is an interesting picture from the Greenville Piedmont, Greenville, South Carolina. I am told that it set quite a precedent in the Greenville papers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 20, 1950

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Executive Vice-President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
618 Prairie Avenue
P.O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

It was indeed kind of you to send us ten dollars.

We are grateful for your interested and support which is always needed, but especially appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 20, 1950

Bishop E. B. Watson
Ninth Episcopal District A.M.E. Zion Church
515 Bennett Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Watson:

Many thanks for your gift of fifty dollars and your kind letter. We are most appreciative of both.

Your interest and support are always helpful, but we are especially grateful to you at this time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 20, 1950

Major E. H. Robinson
Robins AF Base, Georgia

Dear Major Robinson:

Thank you for sending us that narrow and old-timey editorial from the Macon Telegraph February 22. In my observation, that kind of recommendation is getting rarer in the bigger southern papers. The very fact that the telegraph pounced upon it and Mr. Miller's statement is evidence that such a statement is a rarity among Negroes.

The Council's view was best put in "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy" which you saw, of course. It will take both individual effort (from people in both races), plus administrative effort, and much strengthening of law to do the job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 20, 1950

Mr. John Martin
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Martin:

We hope that our delay in acknowledging your kind gift of twenty-five dollars has not led you to believe that we were unappreciative. The truth is that we are extremely grateful.

Your signature on the check was indecipherable and and it has taken us these weeks to identify you as the donor, so we now hasten to send our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 20, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

Sorry not to see you here today but I had a delightful talk with Mr. Dabbs.

I can't get to your meeting on March 30 for which I am sorry; but, I trust South Carolina to work out a good program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 20, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

When I was last in New Orleans Dr. Dent told me that among others I should go and see Mr. James Lewis, President of the Peoples Industrial Life Insurance Co., 901 North Claiborne Street. I did and was received in a very kind way. Mr. Lewis said he would consider whether he could make some contribution to us or not and wanted us to send him some materials.

When I got back, I wrote him and sent some of our things but have never heard anymore from him. I have understood that he has quite a good deal of money, is a bachelor, and enjoys giving money away in driblets but doesn't like to give away large sums.

After waiting some weeks, I wrote Dr. Dent and asked if he could get in touch with Mr. Lewis for me and renew our request. Mr. Dent has written as enclosed.

Could you go and see Mr. Lewis?

If he cared to contribute, I would be perfectly happy for what he might give to be divided half to the New Orleans Committee and half to us here. I rather think we will get some money if he is asked a second time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 20, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I greatly enjoyed the conversation last evening.

The short form of the Jacksonville Survey has gone up to you.

Here is a recent memorandum that tells of our needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 21, 1950

Father Higgins
National Catholic Welfare Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Father Higgins:

I believe you asked yesterday for such printed material as we might have in the general line of Paul William's speech. I send you five copies of An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversywhich was represented, I believe, in numerous passages of Paul's talk.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 21st, 1950

Mrs. C. E. Mullins, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Mississippi Conference, The Methodist Church
Brookhaven, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Mullins:

For several years now, at about this time, your society has been good enough to make a contribution of $25.00 to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

With our slender budget under continuous strain, we are wondering whether your society would not like to renew its gift to the Council in 1950 ? It would be uncommonly helpful just now if this could be done. The support of your society has meant so much to us and we are hopeful of its continuance.

Where such contributions are made, it is the Council's habit to send its bulletin, New South, to two or three selected officers of the society so that our material may be available to them. Mrs. Weathersby, your Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, is one of our members, and so gets New South, but we should be glad to have from you the names of other officers whom you think should have it.

Won't you use your good offices ?

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 21st, 1950

Mrs. C. S. McDowell, Secretary
Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities
Woman's Society for Christian Service
Alabama Conference, The Methodist Church
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McDowell:

Last year your society was good enough to make a contribution, about this time, to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

With our slender budget under continuous strain, we are wondering whether your society would not like to renew its gift to the Council in 1950, and whether indeed it would not wish to become a regular contributor to the Council's work ?

Where such contributions are made, it has been the Council's habit to send New South to two or three selected officers of the society, in order to make our material available to them, and we should be happy to do this in this instance. Won't you use your good offices ?

With every good wish,

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 21, 1950

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
1117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

How very kind that is of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 21, 1950

Father John J. Hyland
P. O. Box 355
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Dear Father Hyland:

I have made arrangements for five copies of New South to be sent you in the future.

We are grateful for your kind willingness to get them circulated in your area.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 21, 1950

The Woman's Press
National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send us twenty copies of The Woman's Press, February 1950.

Enclosed you will find a check for seven dollars ($7.00) to cover the cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 21, 1950

Mr. Frederick G. Hochwalt,
Secretary General
The National Catholic Educational Association
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hochwalt:

This is in reply to your memorandum of March 8 to speakers of the New Orleans Convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

I had the opportunity to confer yesterday at Charlotte, North Carolina with Paul Williams who is Chairman of the Panel on which I am to serve. Paul wants me to do what is known as my "Map Speech." It is a talk which is inseparably related to a blackboard map, hand-drawn as the talk develops. It uses also a fairly liberal sprinkling of the colloquial. For these reasons, I have never been able to make an acceptable verbatim manuscript of the talk. Nevertheless, it has been popular and often judged quite useful in laying down a background for discussions of problems in the South. I have given the talk in substantially this form before the Catholic Committee of the South at its 1949 meeting in Lexington, at Ursuline College in New Orleans, at Xavier for the Catholic Industrial Conference, and twice, I believe, for groups brought together by Bishop Waters in North Carolina. So, I suppose that it might have earned, most informally of course, a "nihil obstat".

I hope, therefore, I may be pardoned for sending you no more than what would seem to be a newspaper-style boiled-down talk.

I have sent also a mat to the Reverend Mr. Fred Digby.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 21, 1950

Reverend Fred Digby
Norman Mayer Building
211 Camp Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear ~~Father~~ Digby:

In obedience to Mr. Hochwalt's memorandum of March 8 to speakers at the New Orleans Convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, April 11-14, I send you a mat.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 21, 1950

Dr. Hilda Kessler Gilbert
State Teachers College
Florence, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gilbert:

Dean Gomillion has requested that we mail you some of our publications for distribution to your Sociology class.

We will be pleased to do this, but rather than send you a random selection, I am enclosing a complete publications list. If you will write us the number you desire of publications of your selection, we shall be glad to fill your order promptly.

Perhaps the library at State Teachers College would like to subscribe to New South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 21, 1950

Reverend Walter W. Kuhn, C.S.R.
Our Lady of Victory Church
P.O. Box 147
Southern Pines, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Kuhn:

Your check for five dollars paid November 8th brought your dues up to date January 1950. Our dues notice was mailed because you are due in advance and payment thereof will bring your membership up to date to January 1951.

In November we found it necessary to raise individual memberships from two dollars to three dollars. Since you sent us a dollar on March 15th, we have applied it to your dues. Therefore the additional two dollars will make your membership complete through January 1951.

Does the above explanation answer your question? If not, I will be glad to write you further.

Your interest and support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 21, 1950

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
Masonic Temple
Auburn Avenue at Hilliard Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

Please accept our sincere thanks to you and Mr. Walden for your gift of one hundred for the Georgia Negro Voters League.

Our work benefits greatly by your interest and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 21, 1950

Mr. A. T. Walden
Walden Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Walden:

The gift of one hundred dollars you and Mr. Dobbs sent us for the Negro Voters League of Georgia is most needed and appreciated.

The Council is sincerely grateful for your good wishes and your support. Please accept our thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 21st, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison, Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

In the continued economic strain which we are undergoing, we are happy to recall your promise of an additional $50.00 in March. This was most generous on your part, and if convenient, would do us great service at this time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 21st, 1950

Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse
219 North Upper Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Fouse:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 15th; we are very appreciative of your interest, and of the trouble you have taken to help us get your record set straight.

We are giving you immediate credit for your $3.00 check of March 8th, 1949, and will get State Division records cleared on this also. This means that you are paid up through 1949, and owe now only for the current year, - March 1950 through February 1951,($3.00).

We are interested to know that you do have an interracial organization there in Lexington. Are its members also members of the Council ? And could we help you with literature, or in any other way, in bringing them into membership,? if they are not ?

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 21, 1950

Mr. E. E. Burroughs
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Burroughs:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your gift of twenty-five dollars.

Your interest and support is especially appreciated at this time.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh

March 21, 1950

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
213 Mockingbird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

I am enclosing a letter which we received today. I am also sending you, attached, two copies of Singers in the Dawn.

Since Mrs. Teilmann, Jr. wrote personally to you, we are wondering if you would purchase the books she requested and mail them to her and let her pay you personally for them.

If this is unsatisfactory, please advise us what to do in regard to the order.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 22, 1950

Mr. Clarence A. Laws
Public Relations Director
The Louisiana Weekly
601 Dryades Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Laws:

I have mailed to you five copies of each of two issues of New South, with the dope on Negro policemen. The October, 1947 issue has some accounts from cities already using them. There is one copy of a middle issue, with the 1948 table.

We know of five or six other cities that have added Negro policemen since our last "police" issue.

A year after Atlanta had put on its (eight) Negro policemen the Atlanta Journal quoted the Chief of Police as saying that in that year the Negro homicide rate had dropped fifty per cent.

Best luck, and let us know if we can help you further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 22, 1950

Mr. Edward H. Weyler, Secretary
Kentucky Federation of Labor
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Weyler:

I was much impressed with one in particular among many passages in your talk before the Catholic Industrial Conference at Charlotte. As I wrote it down afterward, it ran something like this:

"We need an FEPC. Don't get the idea that we only need it to protect Negro rights. I know places in this country where if you are a Swede, you don't work, and I know places where if you are not a Swede, you don't work. I know places in this country where if you are a Greek, you don't work, and other places where if you are not a Greek, you don't work. I know places where if you are a Jew, you don't work, and I know places where if you are not a Jew, you don't work. I know places where if you are a Catholic, you don't work, and I know places where if you are not a Catholic, you don't work." An FEPC will help to do away with these things."

The Southern Regional Council plans to get together a small pamphlet, probably called "Work and Color", which will try to be persuasive of the South of the importance of individual and legal activity to protect the right to work.

You will see something of our temper in these matters from the enclosed leaflet called, "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy."

What I ask is permission to use, roughly, this quote from your talk of yesterday. If the permission may be had, I will be most grateful not only for that but for your review and touching up my would-be quote.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 22, 1950

Mr. William C. Pryor, Jr.
306 East Healey Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pryor:

Very nice to have your letter of March 16. Unfortunately, Virginius is right, and we are at rope's end financially. Still, we live and we keep hoping that somebody will play out some more rope.

I send you separately pamphlets that will tell you about what the Council does.

I do wish we had money to strengthen our work with help from you. Perhaps, you can spread our good name anyway.

Are you rich enough to join the Council. That only costs three dollars a year, and we would like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 22, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn, Executive Secretary
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

What a good plan!

Guy Johnson at Chapel Hill, North Carolina probably knows more than any one else about criminology and police administration in the South, and you ought to write him for some suggestions.

The best I can say is that the Personnel City Manager in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Henry A. Yancy has had rich experience in the field. He himself brought the first Negro policemen to Greensboro and then brought them into Charlotte. I am trying to find in the files a speech of his that will give you some of his points. He is well liked in Charlotte as he was in Greensboro. I do not know him personally.

Joseph D. Lohman is, of course, the best in the country and you ought to try hard to get him.

Gordon Lovejoy could tell you whether somebody on the Miami force would be really helpful or not.

Such instances as I have heard of of Negro police themselves addressing smallish audiences on their work have been excellent.

I think very probably the chief here in Atlanta would do you a good job. He is a gentlemanly person who always wanted Negro policemen and is delighted that he has them. His name is Herbert Jenkins. If Atlanta, with its overhanging state problems, can do it and do it well, that ought to be a fairly good push to New Orleans.

Keep in mind the rural side of the problem. Negro deputy sheriffs are quite as much needed as are Negro policemen. A few southern counties have them.

Sincerely,

GSM:wgd

George S. Mitchell

March 22, 1950

Dr. Mozell Hill
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hill:

Here is the comment on the book The Lost Tongues by Mrs. Jettie Felps which you requested Dr. Mitchell to make in your letter of March 18.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.W.R.) Winona Dawkins, Secretary

THE LOST TONGUES

by

Mrs. Jettie Felps

Burnet, Texas

(comments by Dr. George S. Mitchell, Southern Regional Council)

A lengthening roll of names can now be called of men and women who, out of slavery, poverty, and injustice of southern society, have risen to outstanding strength of character and no inconsiderable fame.

Mrs. Jettie Felps of Burnet, Texas is white, sometime a school teacher, and her Mother once owned slaves and when Mrs. Felps was young kept a carriage. Mrs. Felps has collected, out of books and out of personal recollection, the fine things that too few white people know about Negroes, mostly southern, whose careers have been rich in service to others. The standard names are there often with some odd facts added to the usual record, and she has added others less often priased--Edward Randolph Carter, Otis O'Neil, and Bones Hooks and the new crop of musicians, actors and authors. You feel a bit as though you are in a antique shop where choice, if hardworn, pieces of furniture are higglity-pigglity with oddments stuck ashelf, whether authentic or not. There are bits about Africa which are not really history, and every now and then some lapse into southern prejudice that now seems quaint.

But, the little museum has been lovingly fitted out to show to any who will come in that peoples have equal capacity; and if the visitor will go on to talk in the last pages with the curator, he will find her eager and in earnest to correct injustice and to make the South equal and free.

Perhaps, some day, some one else will fittogether the records of the southern white people that rebel against what they find around them and have put their energies to persuading others. I think Mrs. Felps will deserve a place of good display in that collection.

George S. Mitchell

March 23, 1950

Dr. Channing H. Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Tobias:

The Council had an inconspicuous but I am sure a useful part in advising the staff of The Reporter as to the preparation of the latest March 28, 1950 issue (out tomorrow).

They took our advise as to subject matter for quite a number of the articles and as to several of the ~~articles~~ authors. You will see that our Mr. Harold Fleming wrote the one about Mr. Walden.

We have also been pleased to find, scattered here and there in various of the articles, paragraphs that seem to us reminiscent of materials that we first got out to the public.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. R. W. Hudgens
Venesuela Development Corp.
Standard Oil Company of New York
Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Pete:

The current March 28, 1950 (southern) issue of The Reporter we can brag about a bit.

People on the magazine staff consulted us in working up the general plan for the issue. They took our advice as to the subject matter of quite a number of the articles and also as to several of the authors. Our practiced eye can also find a good number of paragraphs scattered here and there which draw for material on things the Council first got out to the public.

This is an unconspicuous service but the sort of thing we like to do.

I thought perhaps you might be kind enough to hand this on to somebody in the Rockefeller Bros. Fund, as a modest thanks from us for the kind contribution that came to us anonymously last year.

Sincerely and with friendship,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
1117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

The Foundation's check came in this morning. A very great help to us.

In all your travels, surely you must from time to time reach Atlanta. Do come to see us either here at the Council or at our home when you are here. I would like to enjoy your company again.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
The University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Gordon:

Many thanks for the dope on Mr. Straus. I got desperate last week and called his office to find out if it would be all right for me to come by to see him on a trip to Charlotte. He was even then packing for his vacation, but it was indicated that I could show up after he got back about May 1st. His secretary said Mrs. Straus was fine and was going with him.

Do let's arrange an occasion when the two of us can see him.

My Executive Committee meets March 31 for serious decisions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mrs. Robert D. Church
28 Collier Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Church:

This morning we had a pleasant telephone call from Mrs. Doom. She suggested that in your travels and current talks about Hodding Carter's book, you might care to look through some of the Southern Regional Council's recent literature.

She also thought that, perhaps, you might be willing to become a member of the Council. I send you a sheaf of pamphlets. We commend particularly "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy."

It costs only three dollars to be a member of the Council, and we would greatly like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

P.S. The current issue of The Reporter is given over to southern matters. The Council had opportunity to advise staff members of the magazine as to several articles and authors in the preparation of the issue.

March 23, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

When we get helped, we like to brag a bit to our helpers.

I want to call you attention to the March 28, 1950 (southern) issue of The Reporter, out tomorrow. The Council was consulted a good deal by the magazine staff in working up the issue. We helped on the general plan, and they took our suggestions as to subjects of a good number of articles, and here and there, chose writers whom we could point out. Indeed, we can find a good many paragraphs scattered here and there that seem close kin to things we have got out to the public ourselves.

'Tis an inconspicuous service but the kind of thing we like to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
Sometimes Building
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

Though I, of course, wrote Mr. Hahn, I have not as yet thanked you personally for that generous and prompt and rescuing $2,500.00. We are very grateful.

To brag about the sort of thing the Council can have a hand in doing, I call your attention to the March 28, 1950 (southern) issue of The Reporter. We were consulted a good deal in the general plan, in picking subjects and in picking authors. We also have the pleasure of perceiving as to a good number of paragraphs materials in this or that article which in source could be traced to our own small publications; and Mr. Fleming, who works with the Council, did one of the pieces himself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 23, 1950

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

I like to keep you in touch with things the Council does.

We claim a not inconsidersable hand in the March 28, 1950 issue of The Reporter (out tomorrow). We worked with one of the magazine's staff members in planning the issue, and were pleased with the number of instances in which they took our suggestions as to subjects and authors. Two, three, or four of the articles drew perceptibly at least on Council materials for information about the region, and our Mr. Harold Fleming did one of the articles himself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

I like to keep you in touch with things the Council does.

We claim a not inconsiderable hand in the March 28, 1950 issue of The Reporter (out tomorrow). We worked with one of the magazine's staff members in planning the issue, and were pleased with the number of instances in which they took our suggestions as to subjects and authors. Two, three, or four of the articles drew perceptibly at least on Council materials for information about the region, and our Mr. Harold Fleming did one of the articles himself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. F. C. Hayes
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your useful and amusing letter to Mr. Smiley. You certainly got over the point.

I enjoyed Gainesville that second time as before but was sorry not to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

The Rt. Rev. John Moore Walker, Bishop
2744 Peachtree Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Walker:

I am most grateful for your kindness in writing to Bishop Mitchell.

He has written in reply to my letter in a considerably softened vein, and I am hopeful that he will like what the Council can do in his state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Dean Wicker sent in his dues yesterday. Very fast work. Thank you.

Good luck with the people at Bowling Green.

I went to a meeting in Charlotte, N. C. the other day and saw Mr. Paul Tafel who spoke most warmly of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 23, 1950

Dr. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Luther:

How kind of you to check over the list and get behind the delinquent ones. We have noticed dues coming in from some of them since.

Come and see us when you are here April 7. I am to be in Knoxville that day and the eighth but every one in the office would appreciate a visit from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 24th 1950

Sigmund Silberman Foundation
117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Please accept our very grateful thanks for your gift of $2,500.00 to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Coming as it did in a period of great strain for our slender budget, this contribution is especially meaningful and we want you to know of our deep appreciation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 24, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
1045 Hurst Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

Here is some material about the Council.

I append the membership blank to this letter. We are delighted to have you as some one who will work with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 24, 1950

Postmaster
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We have on hand the following envelopes and tapes bearing metered postage as indicated:

Number Envelopes	Postage Amount ¢	Date	Other Insignia	Amount
22	1 ¢	none	none	$.22
2	1	none	P.L. & R.	.02
1	1	3/3/49	P.L. & R.	.01
1	1½	none	P.L. & R.	.015
1	2	none	none	.02
1	3	none	none	.03
30	3	7/28/49	none	.90
1	3	8/16/49	none	.03
1	3	2/2/49	none	.03
4	3	11/1/49	none	.12
1	3	11/10/49	none	.03
7	6	3/30/49	none	.42
5	6	4/4/49	none	.30
1	23	11/12/49	none	.23
1	10	none	tape	.10
				$2.475

Spoilage of these tapes and envelopes may or may not have been noted on the daily metered mail report, since operation of the meter had been taken over by a new employee.

Bearer will deliver these envelopes and tapes to you. Please authorize the customary refund.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:NH

March 24th, 1950

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer
1173 Briarcliff Road N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Oberdorfer:

Please accept our very warm thanks for your most welcome check for $100.00, sent as a gift to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Coming as it does in a period of heavy strain on our slender budget, it is doubly welcome and useful and we want you to know of our deep appreciation.

Indeed, with your kind permission, we'd like to enter for you a membership in the Council for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

March 24, 1950

Mrs. Charles L. Smith, Jr.
Box 30
Pineville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Mrs. Juliet Jameson Poynter suggested that you might be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Under separate cover, I send you information about our program, a sample of our publications, and a membership blank. We would be happy to have you a member of our Kentucky Division.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

Sending: SRC, Questions & Answers
HTSS leaflet
Publications list
Race in the News
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation
Fellowship of the Concerned
Honest Answer
Changing South in Print

March 24, 1950

Mrs. Juliet Jameson Poynter
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Poynter:

Thank you for your check for five dollars in payment of your dues.

We are writing Mrs. Charles Smith today and mailing her literature about the Council.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

March 24, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

I have written somewhat in this vein to the General Education Board and to Carnegie and to one or two other people including Marshall Field who have helped us in the past.

Mrs. Ascoli most kindly gave us five hundred dollars in early 1949 and in our distress as 1950 approached, gave us in late 1949 another five hundred dollars for 1950.

We had no luck with Mrs. Leavy. Mrs. Roosevelt wrote Mrs. Leavy and asked her to arrange a gathering for us or something of the sort; but Mrs. Leavy wrote Mrs. Roosevelt that due to previous commitments, etc. she could not.

We get some sort of a climax with the Executive Committee Meeting March 31. Any chance you could come down? I wish you would.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 24, 1950

Reverend H. Wilson
17 South Georgia Avenue
Concord, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Wilson:

Thank you for your recent check for three dollars.

In checking our records we find that you had not paid any dues since 1947. We therefore applied two dollars of your check to 1948 dues and the other dollar to 1949 dues. A balance of one dollar would complete payment of your 1949 dues.

In November 1949, we found it necessary to raise individual membership dues to three dollars. By sending us four dollars it would bring your dues up to date through January 1951. In this case, one dollar would be applied to 1949 dues, and the three dollars would pay your 1950 dues. Your remittance would be appreciated.

We are grateful for your interest and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

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MEMBERSHIP

November 9, 1949 - March 24, 1950

	GAIN	LOSS	NET INCREASE
Alabama	20	1	19
Arkansas	0	1	-1
Florida	15	43	-28
Georgia	24	8	16
Kentucky	2	2	0
Louisiana	71	6	65
Mississippi	2	2	0
North Carolina	52	5	47
Oklahoma	0	3	-3
South Carolina	13	0	13
Tennessee	12	0	12
Texas	6	4	2
Virginia	7	6	1
Assoc. States	15	9	6
TOTAL	239	90	149

Break-down of Losses

	Cannot be located	Deceased	Requested	Delinquent Dues	TOTAL
Alabama	1	0	0	0	1
Arkansas	0	0	1	0	1
Florida	12	0	1	30	43
Georgia	1	2	1	4	8
Kentucky	0	0	1	1	2
Louisiana	0	0	0	6	6
Mississippi	0	0	0	2	2
North Carolina	1	0	1	3	5
Oklahoma	0	0	0	3	3
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	1	3	4
Virginia	1	2	0	3	6
Assoc. States	0	2	0	7	9
TOTAL	16	6	6	62	90

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March 27, 1950

Miss Frances D. Boudolf
27 Crawford Street
University Trailer Court
Syracuse, New York

Dear Miss Boudolf:

We haven't got a lot in print about the Council itself. Here is something to go on.

Hunt up a girl named Jane Martin, now Mrs. Jane O'Brien. The last address we have for them is 522 Forest Lawn Drive, Webster, New York. She worked for the Council for years and can tell you all about it.

We now have State Divisions of the Council in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. In Louisiana we are only organized in New Orleans. Independent State Interracial Commissions in Texas and Georgia are affiliated with the Council. In Virginia we work very closely with the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches and entirely independent of the group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

27 March 1950

Mrs. E. B. Harrold
920 Hillyer Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harrold:

We are very sorry that we do not have the information you requested about the admission of Negro doctors to hospitals in various Georgia communities.

However, Mr. John E. Ransom, Director, Division of Hospital Services, Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia, should be able to give you this information. While we could ask Mr. Ransom to send you the material he has, it perhaps would be ~~more effective~~ better if you yourself wrote him for it directly.

As related information, we are enclosing the most recent list of Negro doctors and dentists in Georgia. Incidentally, the Dr. Mason who is mentioned in the footnote to this list might also be able to give you some information.

If we can ever be of assistance again in the future, please let us know. I am sorry that we were unably to give you more help on all this.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

March 27, 1950

Mr. M. A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

A gentle rain of gratitude for your kind letter to Mrs. Coker.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
213 Mocking Bird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

Thank you for your note and for taking care of the missionary.

Reason, Religion and Race came ten days ago. I read it the day it came and wrote a brief review of it for the next issue of the New South. I liked it greatly, and am sure it will be widely useful. The main thing now is to get it circulated.

I am to be at Fisk April 4 to talk to a Convocation. I hope it will be possible to see you during that day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

Miss Margie Helm
Western Kentucky State College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Miss Helm:

Here are a couple of more carbons of the memorandum.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly came back the other day from a trip to Arkansas, where she organized the Arkansas Division of the Council. That gives us divisions now in every state except Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

March 27, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehart and Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Many thanks for your letter. We will get busy on the letters to go out and send them on to you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

P.S. We had good news the other day of the organization of the Arkansas Division of the Council, so we are now well represented in every state except Oklahoma.

March 27, 1950

Station Master
Southern Railway Station
West Trade Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

On the Atlanta-Washington Express on the night of March 19, I lost on the train the return half of a round trip coach ticket Atlanta-Charlotte-Atlanta.

Mr. F. H. Martin, the Conductor on the train, tells me the porter found the ticket in sweeping up and that he, Mr. Martin, very kindly turned it in at the Charlotte Station, I suppose to the ticket window.

Mr. Martin is willing to undertake the personal task of picking it up at some early date when he will be through Charlotte, but it seems to me that trouble is saved all around if I ask for the kindness of the appropriate Charlotte official in returning the ticket to me. I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 27, 1950

Miss R. E. Huggins
Executive Director
Y.W.C.A. Branch
106 Coming Street
Charleston 10, South Carolina

Dear Miss Huggins:

I appreciate greatly your confidence in the Council in asking us to recommend a speaker for the meeting in April or May.

I have talked with Miss Willett, in the National Board office here in Atlanta, and have considered very carefully whom to recommend.

It is clear that our best choice is Mrs. Hortense Young, of Louisville, Kentucky. She has every quality of presence, thoughtfulness, and balance that equip her to help you most. For her career: she went to Fisk, finished there, and went on to take a degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois. She later took graduate work in, I believe, Personnel Administration at the University of Chicago and New York University. She had a Rosenwald Fellowship in 1946, during which year she served as an intern in the workers education movement in Kentucky, under the auspices of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor, A. F. of L. She serves from time to time as Research Editor of the Louisville Defender. Her husband is a physician and surgeon, in Louisville. She is an experienced public speaker, and was used just last year as a representative of Mount Holyoke College at the United Nations.

I do hope you will like what you hear of her, and ask her to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

Mr. William M. Cooper
Director Adult Education
Natl. Conf. on Adult Education and the Negro
Division of Adult Education
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I will be delighted to take part in the panel for the meeting at Morehouse April 27.

That looks like a gathering of warm friends.

If you do a later issue of a program, please change us from Southern Regional Conference to our proper Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

C.I.O. News Digest
P.O. Box 1418
Atlanta, Georgia

Attn.: Mr. McCurley

Dear Mr. McCurley:

About five years ago the News Digest was kind enough to give me a handful of pink mats made from a cut of my face. The mats have served me well through these years, but funfortunately the last of them has been mailed out to somebody or other.

Is it too much to ask whether you can find the cut and, if so, whether you could for a couple of dollars or so roll me off another handful of mats?

I would be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

Mrs. H. F. Price
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Price:

Mr. Roland Smith said I was to send you a couple of mats for use in connection with my forthcoming visit to Memphis and to LeMoyne. Unfortunately, I have only one mat left in the world, and I send that. I since find that the Press-Scimitar has an old cut dating from 1944, though of course it may long since have been thrown away.

I greatly look forward to the opportunity to be at the college and to see you and Mr. Price.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

March 27, 1950

Mr. Roland T. Smith
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your welcoming letter of March 22. I greatly look forward to being in Memphis and to the opportunity of seeing something of you and Mrs. Smith.

I have written Mrs. Price and sent her the one remaining mat that I have. Sorry there are not two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 27, 1950

Mr. James A. Colston
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Colston:

In going through the TICKLER FILE I came across a notation regarding the material from our files sent off to you on February 27, which you said you would return in "a period of two or three weeks."

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. R. Dawkins
Secretary

March 27, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

My trip to Chattanooga, Monteagle, and Nashville comes Monday April 3.

The time that would fit my convenience to pay you a visit at your office would be Monday Morning, April 3 at ten a.m.

If that doesn't suit, I can arrange it on the back trip, April 5.

I do hope I will catch you in one of those days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 27, 1950

Miss L. B. Rucker
Secretary to J. Finley Wilson
P. O. Box 1824
Washington 13, D. C.

Dear Miss Rucker:

I do greatly appreciate your writing me about my earlier letter to Mr. Wilson.

I am so sorry that he has had this long illness. His many friends will rejoice when he is well again and at his desk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 27, 1950

Mr. F. H. Martin
434 Altoona Place, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Martin:

That was all just as kind as could be and I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures

March 27, 1950

Southern Railway
Passenger Division
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I should like to express my cordial praise for the kindness of your Conductor, Mr. F. H. Martin, who exercised himself considerably to arrange for getting back to me the return half of a coach ticket Atlanta-Charlotte-Atlanta, which I lost in the Washington Express on the night of March 19. The Porter discovered the ticket in sweeping up and turned it over to Mr. Martin, who very kindly turned it in at the Charlotte Station. I have written the Station Master there and asked him to be good enough to mail it on back here to me.

Mr. Martin was at every point courteous and cooperative in this matter and took on himself a concern quite beyond what a member of the traveling public would have any ordinary reason to expect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 28, 1950

Mrs. S. E. Shields
P. O. Box 297
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Shields:

Some paragraphs in a December, 1946, bulletin I am sending you summarize my ideas on trade training.

The main point to make, it seems to me, is that several million people are going to leave the old plantation belt OPD in the next ten years. Far too many of them are merely hoe hands today. Most will go into some kind of urban situation. They will need technical ability. Therefore, I favor what is called industrial arts. That does not undertake to teach finished skills, but merely to train people in materials, tools, safety, neatness, uses and dangers of electricity, and familiarity with big, noisy machinery.

If you will go and talk to Mr. Ernest Neal at Tuskegee, he can tell you how many people, in what age groups, may be leaving Alabama, when, and whence. Then talk to the Vo. Ed. people, and they can tell you why they haven't been able to teach industrial arts, what is to be done so they could, and whether they would or wouldn't.

Those things put together would make a good paper.

Sincerely,

~~Director~~
George S. Mitchell
Executive ~~Secretary~~
Director

GSM:er

March 28, 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Director
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weekley:

Many, many thanks to you and Mr. Cleaver for all the help and time you gave me when I was in Greenville last week. I certainly enjoyed seeing you again, and I was most impressed with the progress of the survey.

I have discussed the possibility of our preparing a report of the Greenville survey with Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Fleming. As I told you last week, finances are the main stumbling block. However, Dr. Mitchell says that if you people can guarantee the purchase of the 1600 copies which you estimated you would need, at 20¢ per copy, we would be able to undertake the writing and publishing of the report.

This coming Friday, March 31st, we are having a very important meeting of our Executive Committee, and since this meeting will concern the Council's finances, we could not make this a definite commitment until after the meeting. However, I will be able to write you more definitely early next week.

Time seems to be another troublesome factor. Since it is now the end of March, it does not look as though the report could be gotten into print in time for your meeting on the 17th of April. Writing the report, and checking and clearing it with you, would take at least a week, and the printing would consume another week or so. Added to all this would be the visit which Mr. Fleming and I would have to make to Greenville if we do undertake to write the report. At our speediest, therefore, it looks as though the end of April would be the earliest possible deadline.

In my travels last week, I told several people about the Piedmont Regional Conference's session on the Greenville survey, and I expect that some of them will try to attend. I assumed that

Negroes as well as white people would be welcome. If this was a misapprehension on my part, I would appreciate your letting me know.

I do hope that we can work something out on the survey report. I shall be most eager to hear from you about it.

Thank you again for all your help last week. And many thanks to you and Mr. Cleaver for lunch!

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

March 29, 1950

Mr. Theodore R. Speigner
Department of History
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Speigner:

Sure, delighted. I'm a kind of a Tar Heel, anyway.

I have marked my calendar for Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, to be at Durham at the College. My Council is on skimpy rations, so I do hope you can cover my travel, though that would be all that would be needed.

Pleasant to look forward to being with your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Dict. March 28, 1950

March 29, 1950

Southern Railway System
99 Spring Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I shall be grateful for a refund on the enclosed ticket, the return portion of a coach round trip ticket, Atlanta-Charlotte-Atlanta.

As will be apparent, I lost this in the train, and your conductor, Mr. Martin, very kindly sent it back to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

March 29, 1950

Mr. Arthur Raper
Route #2 Box 72
Vienna, Virginia

Dear Arthur:

Here is some useful dope on the county unit suit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 29, 1950

Mr. Munson
American Legion National Headquarters
"K" Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Munson:

This story in the New York Times of March 22 caught my eye.

I wonder if it is not the sort of effort that quite a number of veterans who spent months or years in Britain would wish to put small contributions into. I see, of course, that it is a thank you effort by Britishers themselves, but there would be a double kindness in contributions toward such a building from Americans who had enjoyed Britain's hospitality. And, of course, the leaverage of dollars is pretty high with the pound at $2.80.

Would it be possible for the appropriate officials to correspond with the Lord Mayor and, perhaps, carry some notice in the legion publication of the fund and the opportunity it presents? Such a notice ought to provide an easy way for contributors to get their money into the fund, which I take it would be a central collection point in this country.

I remember cordially our association on veterans' affairs some years ago and have always been grateful for your ready willingness to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 29, 1950

Mr. Ernest Klein
Box 39 Eden
Webster Groves, Mo.

Dear Mr. Klein:

Very many thanks indeed for a whole five dollars. I have mailed to you a bundle of pamphlets.

Stetson Kennedy never worked for the Council but I do see him from time to time. If you will send a letter for him inside an envelope addressed to me, I can get it to him.

Miss Lillian Smith discontinued her magazine several years ago which is a pity because it was excellent.

Please let us know if we can be of help to you at any time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 29, 1950

Miss Helen Bridgeman
203 International House
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Helen:

Pleasure to hear from you. Pleasure to send you twenty copies.

Absolute condition (1) $.21 postage

Desirable condition (2) Scare us up a guy or gal who will become a member.

Condition (3) Always remember we are for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 30, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Box 42 Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Jones:

I have talked with Dr. Mitchell about your problem of the speakers for the survey meeting. His suggestion is that you offer both Mrs. Withington and Mr. Beck the usual five cents a mile. The Council will split the expenses with your chapter.

I hope you will be successful in getting them both to Rock Hill and that the meeting will help stimulate interest in your survey.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:wgd

March 30, 1950

R P I Book Store
901 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of March 24, you may return the pamphlets mentioned. Please mark them for my personal attention.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

March 30, 1950

Mr. Russell W. Bryant
The Italy News-Herald
Italy, Texas

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Please accept our apologies for not having acknowledged your good letter about Race in the News. It got laid aside in the rush of our small staff, and I have just now got to it again. I wish we had the answer to your dilemma. Certainly your fairness in the handling of racial news deserves more enthusiastic cooperation. We do know that editors in other places have run on to the same problem. The only solution we have heard of is persistence until a competent Negro correspondent is found. At least, this finally paid off in Calhoun, Georgia. Perhaps Mrs. Crate has been able to make more constructive suggestions.

I was particularly interested in your account of the public reaction to discontinuance of the Negro news column. That, I think, is a tribute both to the people of your town and to your newspaper. We should value your keeping us posted on further experiences of the News-Herald in this field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

March 30, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

I'm afraid our effort has bogged down.

I did receive an answer from Mr. Kennedy. It was cordial but brief. He thanked me for the material and said he was passing it along to their film unit "in the hope that they may find something in it." I wonder whether you have heard anything further from him.

As for the attempts to reach the State Department, nothing new has happened since I wrote you last. Mr. Barrett has had letters from Ralph McGill and George Mitchell. I wrote Julien Bryan and told him what we had done. I also asked him to follow up our request at his end. However, I haven't heard anything from him.

I am most sorry that such a promising project has apparently been fumbled so far. I know that probably a good deal of the fault is mine, but, understaffed as we are and in desperate need of money for our general budget, there just hasn't been the time or resources for a more vigorous push on this project.

Let me hear from you about what you think we should do next. At least reassure me that we haven't reduced your valuable interest and support.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

March 30, 1950

Mrs. Henry W. Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville 5, Florida

Dear Janet

Many thanks for the clippings you've been sending. I have read them with interest.

The "pink fringe" controversy strikes me as something of a tempest in a teapot. I don't think good efforts will suffer any serious damage from it.

Things go on much the same here -- plenty of activity, not much money. We're still going, though, and still looking forward to better days.

Hope to see you up this way soon. The best from everybody.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

March 30, 1950

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street, Room 202
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for your good letter.

Of course, we accept your judgment about the article on school equalization. However, Dr. Mitchell was much taken with your point that the local authorities continue to lag until coerced by legal action or the threat of it. He suggested that a fat little note stating that thesis and documenting it with a couple of instances would be a useful thing to put before our people. I pass the request on to you.

The activities surrounding the Boothe proposals sound very fruitful of a good article. I am afraid, though, that we are on weak ground in approaching either Mr. Boothe or Mr. Caplan for the article. As you know, we are too strapped to offer even the most token payment, which would embarrass us with Mr. Caplan. As for Mr. Boothe, we have no leverage to request such a favor. If you could take it on, we should be most grateful. It is an effort that ought to be duplicated in a good many other states.

Believe me, I am sympathetic about your problem of time and energy, but because we have to trade on our staunchest friends, we continue to call on you. Help us when you can, and when you can't, we'll understand.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

March 30, 1950

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We are deeply sorry to lose you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 30, 1950

Dean W. J. Faulkner
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dean Faulkner:

Thank you for your note.

I have to be at Monteagle the day before (Monday), and that makes it best to drive. So I'll drive on to Nashville Monday Night, and turn up in your hands before 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4.

If any last-minute instruction, I'll be at Highlander Folk School at Monteagle during Monday Afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 30, 1950

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 28, confirming the invitation to give the Commencement Address on Monday, May 15. I am greatly honored by the invitation, and accept with much pleasure.

I'll come over in time to hear Dr. Richardson on Sunday.

Measurements on G.S.M. Chest 42. Height six feet. Head 6 3/4. Hood, Johns Hopkins, Ph.D.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

March 30, 1950

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell Street, N. E.
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

I certainly enjoyed seeing you and the others of your survey committee last Thursday in Orangeburg. I think, with careful planning, you should be able to organize a really useful survey there.

I have sent to you separately both the follow-up story on the Jacksonville Survey and the pamphlet on local Federal housing, which your group requested.

I shall be most interested to hear what your committee works out. If there is anything else that I can do to help, please let me know.

Many thanks for all your time and hospitality. I hope I will see you again before too long.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:wgd

March 30, 1950

Mrs. George E. Davis
Box 354
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I am so sorry to have missed you when I was in Orangeburg last Thursday. I was particularly anxious to talk with you of the possibility of a survey in Orangeburg.

While I was there, I did see Miss Cassandra Maxwell and a group which she had interested in such a survey. Perhaps, if you are interested, you could help them in trying to plan and organize the kind of survey that would be most useful in Orangeburg.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:wgd

March 30, 1950

The Reverend E. C. Small
Episcopal Rectory
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Small:

Thank you so much for all the time and help you gave me on my visit to Hartsville last week. Also, for the very fine lunch.

I was most interested in the comprehensive and realistic Hartsville Survey Project. It is a most useful undertaking and is well planned to fit the needs of the community involved.

I am writing Caroline Gillespie to ask her for copies of the survey and the plans of the World Community Center.

Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:wgd

March 30, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD -- Route #3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Gillespie:

I was so sorry to have missed you when I was in Hartsville last week. Even though you were out of town, I cam on anyway.

Mr. Small, the Chairman of your Survey Committee, was most helpful and gave me a great deal of information about it. I think you have done a wonderful job of planning a survey which will fit the particular needs of the community and the project you have in mind.

If they are available, I would like very much to have copies of both the actual survey schedule being used and the comprehensive plan you have worked out for the community center.

On April 19, in Greenville, the Piedmont Regional Conference of Social Work will be held. One of the three main sessions that afternoon will be devoted to the self-survey of the Negro Community in Greenville. Both the white and Negro co-chairmen and the Assistant Director of the Greenville Community Council (which sponsored the survey) will lead this panel. Perhaps you and Mr. Smith would be interested in attending. If you will write Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Director of the Greenville Community Council (P. O. Box 1085, Greenville, S. C.), he can give you full information about this meeting.

Good luck on your survey! I hope I won't miss you the next time I get to Hartsville.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:wgd

March 30, 1950

Mr. Truman Metzel
213 Butterfield
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Metzel:

We are sending today the pamphlet Voting Requirements in the Thirteen Southern States, which you requested in your wire.

As you will see, the pamphlet is several years old, and not all of the facts in it are up to date. Therefore, I am sending also a copy of our more recent publication, Race and Suffrage in the South. This booklet supersedes the earlier one and includes most of the recent changes.

I might mention two developments since then. South Carolina this year will have a referendum on elimination of the poll tax. Tennessee last year enacted several laws partially abolishing the poll tax. The effects were:

1. Passed a statutory one-year limitation on poll tax payment.

2. Exempted women from state and county poll taxes.

3. Exempted blind persons and veterans.

4. Abolished the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in state primaries only.

There have been moves repeal of the poll tax in various other Southern states, but none of them has succeeded.

If you could send us 25 cents for Race and Suffrage, we should be grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCFier

March 30, 1950

Periodical Department
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

Attention: Miss Wixie Parker

Dear Miss Parker:

We are sorry, but no index has been prepared to Volume IV of New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

March 31, 1950

Memorandum to: Mrs. M. E. Tilly
From: Paul Williams

Clarence Pickett, Philadelphia.
Quakers. Office near Pennsylvania Station.

R. C. Wright

Charles Luckman. Emphasize our work on civil rights in the South

Charles Wilson. " " " " " " " " "

Francis Matthews. " " " " " " " " "

To local people +
certain others —

PD

Southern Regional Council, 63
Auburn Avenue - WA. 7963

5:30 P.M.

March 31, 1950

NIGHT LETTER

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

By action executive committee today, board called to meet Atlanta Saturday, April twenty-second. Council life hangs in balance for Relatively small amount. While funds lacking for payment travel expense, need of your counsel pressing. Earnestly urge you make any sacrifice necessary to be present. Letter follows. In order to save expense, we are mailing you this.

Southern Regional Council
Paul Williams, President

March 31, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Farmers & Mechanics Bank
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The Executive Committee of the Council will meet for one of its most important sessions on Friday, March 31st, here in the offices of the Council at 10:00 o'clock.

Your presence will mean a great deal and I do hope you will find it possible to attend. Will you let me know on the enclosed card ?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 3, 1950

Mr. L. F. Bowles
1213 West Avenue
Columbia, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bowles:

Enclosed are copies of Race in the News; October 1949, November 1949-December 1950, and January-February 1950 New South.

Your stencil plate for our mailing list is addressed: Mr. L. F. Bowles, West Avenue, Columbia, Miss. This plate has been re-ordered to include the street number, and should insure prompt delivery in the future.

We do value your membership highly, and appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carole Ann Curry
Membership Clerk

CAC:hs

April 3, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Many thanks for your generous check to help us in our emergency. You know all too well our need for it.

We sincerely appreciate your friendship, interest, and service in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

We are most grateful for your interest and support in the Council. Your recent membership and contribution is deeply appreciated, and has helped us in a time of need.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Hyman S. Jacobs
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

We wish to thank you for your recent generous contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Your gift, coming at a time of need, is most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. David Marx, Jr.
1030 Citizens & Southern National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Marx:

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of your recent generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your kindness in aiding the Council in a time of great need.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. G. D. Rogers
Central Life Insurance Company of Florida
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Once again, we thank you sincerely for you gift to the Council. It was most generous of you to help us in this time of great need.

The work of the Council has benefited greatly by your interest and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Armand May
451 Stephens, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. May:

The Southern Regional Council wishes to acknowledge the receipt of your recent generous contribution. Your kindness in making this gift in a time of our need merits our deep appreciation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Many thanks for coming to our meeting to give us gratifying news of a promise of existance. Also, accept our sincere appreciation for your work in sending us some checks, along with your own.

The Council has benefited much from your friendship, help, and interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 3, 1950

Mr. Elliot L. Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The Southern Regional Council wishes to acknowledge with appreciation your recent contribution. We sincerely thank you for this generous gift to aid in the work of the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Edwin Haas, Jr.
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The Southern Regional Council wishes to thank you for your kind gift. This generous contribution has aided the Council materially in maintaining its work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Herman J. Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

We wish to express our appreciation to you for your gift to the Southern Regional Council. It was most generous of you to help us in this time of great need.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Once again, we thank you sincerely for your gift to the Council. You know only too well how great was the need for it.

The Council has benefited much from your friendship and interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:jwh

April 3, 1950

Mr. Louis A. Montag
3365 Habersham Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Montag:

The Southern Regional Council wishes you to know how grateful it is for your generous gift. Your contribution has come in a time of need, and it is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 3, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Once again, we thank you sincerely for your generous gift to the Council. You know only too well how great was the need for it.

Your help and advice as a member of our Board has been immeasurable.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 3, 1950

Mr. James A. Smith Jr.
The Divinity School
Yale University
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Smith:

In Mrs. Dawkins' temporary absence from the office, I am replying to your letter of March 31.

It will be quite all right for you to keep Miss McCulloch's manuscript for the period you wish -- a month. We would appreciate your returning it then.

It is good that the manuscript is proving valuable in your work.

You have our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

ER/r

April 4, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
Houston Informer
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

You will see what very considerable labors we are asking.

Obviously with you and Mrs. Crate as our only two Texas Board members we can't ask you to pull together that much money. And I've written Mrs. Crate that I know she has her Texas Commission as first charge.

Though it's alot to ask, please do what you can. And come to the meeting. We need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

April 4, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We aren't asking you to put on a drive for us in Texas. We know that getting money for the Texas Commission must come first. So I've asked Mr. Wesley to do what he can. But if you can help as a Board member, please do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

April 4, 1950

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
45 Valley Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of your recent generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your kindness in aiding the Council in a time of great need.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 4, 1950

Dr. L. C. Downing
31 Centre Avenue, Northwest
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Dr. Downing:

Please accept our thanks for your generous check to help us in this time of need.

We sincerely appreciate your friendship and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 4, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Editor, Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

You will see that we have put on you a job of tying together what is done by the SRC Board members (and by the Division) in your State. In this connection, see Mr. Dabbs' letter, attached. As one device, you may wish to do what he did, or something like it. In any case, we urge that you meet with, go see, or talk by 'phone with each Board member in your State, and do it quickly.

They are:

Mr. Paul Christopher, 216 Flatiron Building, Knoxville
Mr. William E. Cole, Dept. of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Pres., Fisk University, Nashville
Mr. E. W. Palmer, Pres., Kingsport Press, Kingsport

This is serious, Critical. It's raise about $2,000 per State or prepare to fold. Two thousand can be got. It's something Board members should take on the main work of, but you will have to urge them, and make a link between them.

Do come in to the April 22 meeting with some good news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 4, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

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They are:

Miss Emily H. Clay, 1020 Granada Street, Clearwater
Mr. Herbert Davidson, Editor, Morning Journal, Daytona Beach
Mr. G. D. Rogers, Pres., Central Life Insurance Company, Tampa
Mrs. Warren Zeuch, 2102 Ponce de Leon Circle, Vero Beach

This is serious. Critical. It's raise about $2,000 per State or prepare to fold. Two thousand can be got. It's something Board members should take on the main work of, but you will have to urge them, and make a link between them.

Do come in to the April 22 meeting with some good news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 4, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robins Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

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They are:

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor, Delta Democrat Times, Greenville
Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Sherard

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1122 Lowerline
New Orleans, Louisiana

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They are:

Mr. Felton Clark, Pres., La. Southern University, Baton Rouge
Dr. A. W. Dent, Pres., Dillard University, New Orleans
Rev. V. J. O'Connell, S.M., 2901 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans
Miss Florence Syts, Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans

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Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church
Greenville, North Carolina

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Dr. Will W. Alexander, New Hope Farm, RFD #1, Chapel Hill
Dr. Charlotte H. Brown, Pres., Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia
Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dept. of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Mr. David D. Jones, Pres., Bennett College, Greensboro
Mr. Clyde Milner, Pres., Guilford College, Guilford
Mr. N. C. Newbold, Dir. of Negro Education, Dept. of Public Instruction, Raleigh
Dr. Howard W. Odum, Dept. of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina, 802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh
Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Pres., St. Augustine College, Raleigh
Mr. R. D. Wellons, Pembroke State College, Pembroke
Mr. John H. Wheeler, Vice-Pres., Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham
Mr. Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls

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Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

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They are: Mr. Donald Comer, Avondale Mills, Birmingham
Rev. D. V. Jemison, D.D., 1605 Lapsley Street, Selma
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 200 North Wood Ave., Florence
Rev. W. H. Marmion, 1910 12th Ave. South, Birmingham 5
Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

April 4, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

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They are: Mr. R. B. Atwood, Ky. State Teachers College
Frankfort, Ky.
Mr. E. A. McDowell, Sou. Baptist Thelo. Seminary
Louisville, Ky.
Mr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville Municipal College
Louisville, Ky.

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PAID

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL - WA 7963 11:50 A.M.

April 4, 1950

Miss A. B. Gillam
1023 Arch Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rush minutes today. Necessary mailed out this week.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

TELEGRAM -- PREPAID

April 5, 1950

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

The letter with your good wishes just arrived and we thank you for both.

After our Executive Committee meeting of last week, it was decided to launch a new and bigger fund raising effort, or so we hope. Your Division did such a fine job that Dr. Mitchell was interested in using your method as a suggestion. It is hoped that officers of State Divisions, Board members, and Council members will cooperate as you did to do as well as South Carolina.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 5, 1950

Father J. J. Hyland
St. Margaret Mary's Church
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Dear Father Hyland:

Many thanks for your recent contribution to the work of the Council. We are most grateful.

You will be interested to know, if you don't already, that the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation has recently become a state division of the Southern Regional Council. Reverend Leon Russell of Greenville is chairman and they have an active and interested group.

We value your friendship and hope you will write us your comments and suggestions about our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Tressurer

NH:jwh

April 5, 1950

Mr. James A. Colston
New York University
School of Education
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Colston:

The materials which you returned arrived yesterday. Many thanks.

We are so glad they were helpful. Call on us any time we can serve you again.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers

ER/br

April 6, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Havens:

This is the score.

Do please help us thereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Enc.
Dictated by GSM
Signed in his absence

April 6, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
Community Relations Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I appreciate your two letters, cheering and helpful.

The Friends Service people have problems, some of them technical, but we have been given some grounds to hope that they will send us some funds, and your kind aid on that through Mr. Terman and Mr. Rose will add to our chances.

Morris called two small meetings of some of your members and friends here, and they pledged about 1,500 (and raised at once about 900). It was a heart-warming rally to our needs.

It seems to me that there is the best of ground for cooperation between these two organizations. I think some plan, not unlike what you suggest, might do it. Morris and I will be New Yorkwards in a matter of a very few weeks, and with your permission we will plan (in advance) to talk with you closely about possible arrangements.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
CC to Morris Abram

Dictated by GSM; signed in his absence

April 6, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

As of noon on April 6, this is the list of those whose contributions came as a result of the two luncheon meetings which you so kindly arranged.

Gratitude, I hope, flies in the air from me to you; I shan't express it otherwise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enc.

6 April 1950

Margaret B. Hodges, Editor
Social Work Year Book
American Association of Social Workers
1 Park Avenue, Room 810
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Hodges:

Enclosed is the copy of the form in which reference was made to the Southern Regional Council in the 1949 Social Work Year Book. Please note the two corrections made in the listing: (1) membership 3,500; (2) subscription price of our monthly periodical, New South, $1.50 per year.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

April 7, 1950

Mr. John R. Eubank
1118 Izard Street
Little Rock Arkansas

Dear Mr. Eubank:

As soon as possible the enclosed memorandum should be discussed by the Arkansas Division and action taken, if desired.

We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

Reverend Leon Russell
Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Russell:

As soon as possible the enclosed memorandum should be discussed by the NorthsCarolina Division and action taken, if desired.

We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

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We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Route #1
Mayesville, South Carolina

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We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

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We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

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1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

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Sincerely,

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NH:jwh

April 6, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehard and Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

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We will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

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NH:jwh

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Talladega, Alabama

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Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible]

April 6, 1950

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The annual membership meeting of the Council, on November 8, 1949, provided for types of membership in addition to the regular three-dollar individual and four-dollar husband-wife amount. The scale set is as follows:

Member	$ 3.00
Joint Member with Husband and Wife	4.00
Contributing Member	5.00
Supporting Member	10.00
Sustaining Member	25.00

No provision was laid down about how to apply the sums received in excess of the former three dollar and four-dollar memberships.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council on March 31, 1950 the staff presented a recommendation, which was adopted, subject to ratification, and asked that inquiry be made of the Divisions whether this seemed to them fair and equitable, and what they would wish to follow.

The rule, as thus adopted, would do the following:

(1) Divide fifty-fifty with State Divisions all membership dues received from Contributing, Supporting, or Sustaining members.

(2) Make the effective date for this division January 1, 1950. (which is when dues from these classes began to trickle in.)

(3) Leave in effect the old arrangement under which contributions (as distinct from dues of whatever class) would be applied to the Council's headquarters office if not otherwise specifically designated, and to the State Division if specifically designated for a Division.

The Executive Committee, in accepting these recommendations, had in mind the importance of building up the Treasuries of the State Divisions, so that their work could be more active. No great sum is involved; by present experience perhaps this would mean an extra $75.00 a year to most State Divisions. Naturally, when the office here is so strapped, there was some temptation the other way. But this seemed right.

If your Division has comments, objections, or suggestions, please write to me about it. The rule can be changed to whatever the Divisions and therefore the members wish.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 7, 1950

League of Women Voters of Colorado, Inc.
1545 Tremont Place
Denver 2, Colorado

Mesdames:

Please send us one copy of the booklet, Fair Employment Practice Legislation in Colorado, which was listed in the March issue of the Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

We are enclosing ten cents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Dictated by GSM;
signed in his absence

April 7, 1950

Philadelphia Fair Employment
Practices Commission
Room 395-A, City Hall
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your Report of the Philadelphia Fair Employment Practice Commission for 1949, which was listed in the March Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

7 April 1950

Robert A. Lambert, M. D.
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Dr. Lambert:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter of April 1.

We regret that we cannot give you an accurate and complete summary of of acts of violence in Alabama and other Southern states. Our clipping service cannot supply us with such information, and we are not able to clip enough newspapers, both white and Negro, from all the different states to give us complete coverage. Furthermore, many such incidents never reach the press at all. The article to which you referred in the March 1949 New South, "The Pattern of Violence", merely gave a representative sample of such incidents. The listing was never intended to be all inclusive.

Here, however, is a tabulation of such clippings as we have, covering the period you mentioned. It is sketchy and most incomplete. As such, it merely indicates a distubbingly high incidence of extra-legal violence and intimidation, with a corresponding lack of efficient law enforcement.

I am sorry that we cannot be of more help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

April 7, 1950

Mr. John R. Eubank
1118 Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Eubank:

Enclosed herewith find a copy of the minutes, which we received yesterday.

We are deeply grateful to you for the part you played in making it possible for us to organize an Arkansas Division. We sincerely hope you will find good officers and we can have the first meeting of the Arkansas Division as soon as possible.

Again thanking you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:er
Enc.

April 7, 1950

Miss Annie B. Gillam
1023 Arch Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Gillam:

This is to thank you for your very full minutes. Of course, you will need to keep a journal like this, but we cut it some in order that we might not have so many pages of mimeographed material. I think you will find, though, the important actions are all included.

We thank you very much for sending the material to us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:er
Enc.

April 7, 1950

Miss Margaret Marshall
1018 Scott
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Marshall:

Enclosed find a copy of the minutes. We just received them yesterday. I know how much your heart was in all of this, and we are sure you will help push Mr. Eubank and Mr. Palmer until we get the work going. We are deeply appreciative of the work you did to make the organizational meeting possible. I came away rather thrilled with it all, and we must not let anything happen to this infant organization.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:er
Enc.

April 7, 1950

Mr. Rodney D. Palmer
Y.M.C.A.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I regret the delay in sending you the list of the people present at the organizational meeting of the Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council, but just received the minutes yesterday. You will see from this the list of your Nominating Committee.

I wish to thank you for the use of your building and the interest you have shown in the work. I trust you may be able to secure splendid officers of the Division. Then we can arrange for the first real meeting of the Arkansas Division.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:er
Encs.

April 7, 1950

Professor Gordon W. Lovejoy
University of Miami
Coral Gables (University Branch)
Florida

Dear Gordon:

When I telephoned up yonder to Pisgah Forest, Mr. Straus's secretary told me that Mr. Straus would get back about May 1.

Add that info to yours.

Do let's get to see him.

Many thanks for your letter of April 4. That sounds fine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM /27

Dictated April 6; signed in his absence

April 7, 1950

Mr. G. D. Rogers
Central Life Insurance Company of Florida
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I add my own warmest thanks for your kind gift the other day. It is generous of you to help us in this way, and we are deeply grateful.

I am so glad also that you bestirred yourself to work with the local groups. I know it is no easy matter to be out at night, and often at considerable distances, to do these things. The results of any one trip may seem small. Each such trip is an act of true statesmanship. I honor what you do; I only hope that you and Mrs. Rogers are given to know that many people do so honor such work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. April 6; signed in his absence

April 7, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein Jr.
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

It is a very great comfort to have your ready, firm, and generous support.

That was an excellent letter to Mr. White, which touched just the points that were needed. Mr. White did most kindly send in his check for a hundred dollars.

Our very warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. April 6; signed in his absence

April 7, 1950

Mrs. Bertha James
958 Bluff Street
Columbia, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. James:

Our sincere apology for our error in computing your dues. The correction has been made, and your membership is paid through March 1951.

We value your friendship and support in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 7, 1950

Dear Mr. Starr:

We acknowledge with sincere thanks your contribution to our work. We will be happy to supply you with any additional information you desire.

Your friendship and support are most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

April 7, 1950

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here is a copy of the list of South Carolina donors you wanted. It is impressive and we sincerely hope this latest effort in the other states will be as successful.

It was a pleasure to see you at the Executive Committee meeting. Your contributions were most valuable.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 7, 1950

New York State Commission
Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your 1949 Annual Report, which was listed in the March issue of the Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Dictated by GSM
signed in his absence

MEMORANDUM

April 7, 1950

To: Mrs. M. E. Tilly
From: Harold Fleming

Subject: White House Conference on Children and Youth

Dr. Benjamin Mays is a member of the President's Commission on the White House Conference. Several months ago Dr. Mays paid a call on Governor Talmadge to request that the Georgia Committee on the White House Conference include Negro representation. The Governor at that time was non-committal, merely saying that he would take the matter under advisement.

Some time later the Atlanta chapter of the American Association of Social Workers wrote a letter to Governor Talmadge requesting representation for that group on the State Committee, and submitting four names for appointment. These four persons subsequently received letters of appointment from the Governor. Two of the four were Negroes -- Mr. Nelson Jackson of the National Urban League's Southeastern Office, and Mrs. Hortense Cochrane of the Atlanta University School of Social Work. The next development came when the Governor instructed his chairman of the State Committee (Mrs. Ralph Hobbs of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers) that he did not wish any Negro participation on the Committee. (See copy of Mrs. Hobbs' letter attached.) Further appeals to the Governor failed to change his mind on this point.

Still later, Mr. Nelson Jackson wrote to the Governor and requested clarification of his status. Mr. Jackson pointed out that he had received the Governor's letter informing him of his appointment, but had received no official notice that the appointment had been cancelled. The Governor replied that he had turned the whole matter over to Mr. Jerome Connor of the Georgia Citizen's Council, who was acting as Executive Secretary for Mrs. Hobbs. Mr. Jackson then made an appointment with Mr. Connor. In that interview Mr. Connor expressed considerable doubt that the Governor's mind could be changed, but asked for more time to explore the situation. That is how the matter stands now.

As yet the situation has had no publicity in the local white newspapers. If no satisfactory results are achieved with Mr. Connor, it is anticipated that the whole business will be aired publicly in the press.

It should be mentioned that Dr. Mays has written directly to Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing. Mr. Ewing replied that the national group was writing to the Georgia Committee urging that Negroes be given representation.

HF:er

April 7, 1950

Dept. of Records & Research
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your Records and Research Pamphlet No. 1, which was listed in the March issue of the Report of the American Council of Race Relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Directir

GSM:er

Dictated by GSM
signed in his absence

P.S. Also a copy of your Records and Research Pamphlet No. 2. Thank you.

April 7, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 3rd Street, Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Here is a follow-up memorandum on the action of the Executive Committee meeting last Friday.

Please begin to act.

One of the members of the Committee called five of his friends and came to the meeting with checks for five hundred dollars.

A group of friends at a luncheon, who talk over the work of the Council, can find good sums.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:nh

April 10, 1950

Division Against Discrimination
New Jersey State Department of Education
1060 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your Fourth Annual Report (for 1949), which was mentioned in the March Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary

April 10, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Byrd

FROM: GSM

Subject: Tennessee fund raising

Professor William E. Cole in Knoxville, a board member of ours, told me that Mr. Harold Davis, a cement manufacturer in Knoxville, had large means. Unapproachable on causes such as this, but if approached by the right person, would give.

Address: Farragut Hotel.

GSM:er

April 10, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Editor, Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Your Tennessee people are doing mighty well.

I saw Mr. Alfred Starr in Nashville April 5. He sent $50 as a "token contribution" April 6 and told me that he would closely consider a larger contribution. A mo t able and interesting man. Runs a chain of movies serving mostly Negro patrons.

Professor William E. Cole gave me $25 in Knoxville April 7.

Paul Christopher told me he thought he could raise a hundred.

Mr. Palmer at Kingsport sent $100.

So already you have somewhere above $400.

I will try to find some money also in Memphis.

In Knoxville, on the advice of Professor Cole, I visited briefly at the Hamilton National Bank, the bank's president, Mr. Howard Preston. Mr. Cole recalled that Howard Preston and his brother, T. R., had been interested in interracial work, both in Knoxville and in Chattanooga, and that they were friends of yours. I did not ask Mr. Preston for money, but I told him that we were trying to raise $2,000 in Tennessee and that I was anxious for someone in his position to know what sort of an organization we were. He expressed interest in movements useful to Negro progress and told me that no small part of his own giving was to help them. It has occurred to me that circumstances might be such that you could in good conscience ask him to help the Council. Do as you think best; I shan't bother you about it further. I left him various items of our literature, which he promised to look through. A pretty nice sort of a guy, I thought.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

April 10, 1950

Memo to - Norma Huff

From - GSM

This check was handed to me April 7 by a board member, Professor William E. Cole, Knoxville, Tennessee, address as on check, Sherwood Drive, as a contribution to the Council.

It should be charged against the Tennessee quota of $2,000.

I have thanked verabally, but nice if you would scribble-ly.

April 10, 1950

Dr. Robert D. Calkins
Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Calkins:

We like to get this kind of letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Enc.: copy of W.E. Turner letter

April 10, 1950

Mr. W. E. Turner, Director
Division of Negro Education
State Department of Education
Office of Commissioner
230 War Memorial Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Turner:

Many thanks for your letter of April 6. We are delighted that "Virginia County" is still doing good.

I sent you on Saturday the last twelve that we had, though for a serious emergency I could rake up a file copy or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Paid Southern Regional Council - WA 7963 10:30 A.M.

TELEGRAM

April 10, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Arriving before breakfast Tuesday morning Frisco. Will call from Bruce rooms nine. Fully available.

George S. Mitchell

Telegram - Prepaid

April 10, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

I am back from Knoxville to find your kind letter of April 6 and its most welcome contribution of fifty dollars to the Council.

I enjoyed our brief conversation and, quite apart from the Council's needs, I do hope that I am going to have the opportunity of talking with you further.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 10, 1950

Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Fed. Council of Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

Delighted you are coming to Atlanta and that I will get a chance to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 11, 1950

Dr. Ernst Borinski
Chairman
Social Science Division
Tougaloo College
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Borinski:

I am sorry to say that we have no material dealing with the chances for passage of the Civil Rights legislation. I don't believe you will find much discussion of that problem except in the columns of the newspapers, since the situation changes from day to day.

I enclose a complete publications list in case some of our publications would be useful to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er
Enc.

April 11, 1950

Miss Carolyn McGeorge
1719 Cherry Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Miss McGeorge:

The pamphlet Understanding Our Neighbor is out of print, but I am sending you separately a copy of America's Tenth Man, which includes much of the same material. I am also enclosing a complete publications list, since I believe you will find other of our publications helpful.

America's Tenth Man costs ten cents. If you could send us that, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

Enc.

April 11, 1950

Mr. Henry Lesesne
2512 Glenwood Road
Columbia 4, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Lesesne:

We have just now for the first time seen a copy of your story on the Council in the Christian Science Monitor of March 20. I hasten to thank you for it.

As you probably know, the Council's financial situation is quite critical, and we are doing our best to find funds to tide the organization over. We have been in touch with Mr. John Hoagland of the Monitor, and he has indicated some willingness to put us in touch with some of their people who might help; so you see, your story is all the more valuable to the Council.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

April 11, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein Jr.
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

It is a very great comfort to have your ready, firm, and generous support.

That was an excellent letter to Mr. Weiss. It touched just the points that were needed. Mr. Weiss did most kindly send in his check for a hundred dollars.

Our very warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

4/11/50

MEMORANDUM

TO: N.Huff
FROM: G.S.Mitchell

Don't you think we should make Mr. Weiss a member?

GSM:er

April 11, 1950

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
45 Valley Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

May I add my cordial appreciation to Mrs. Huff's for your most kind contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

N.Y. State School of Industrial
and Labor Relations
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your Research Bulletin No. 5, which is listed in the March Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

We enclose fifteen cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dict. by GSM;
signed in his absence

GSM:er

April 11, 1950

America Press
70 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of the March 4, 1950, issue of America, which contains the article by John Sullivan on the New York FEPC; it was listed in the March issue of the Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

We enclose fifteen cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by GSM;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Business Week
330 West 42nd Street
New York 18, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of Business Week for February 25, 1950, containing the article Does State FEPC Hamper You? This was listed in the March Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

We enclose twenty-five cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Civic Unity Committee
489 Broadway
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of your report, Toward Democracy in Employment the Cambridge Way, which was listed in the March Report of the American Council on Race Relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by GSM;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
The President's Home
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

You were kindness itself to me. Mighty nice to see you. I am only sorry there wasn't time for us to really sit down and talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

April 11, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

First, my gratitude to you and to Dean Faulkner for the invitation to have the day at Fisk -- and for the generous check. I was much instructed, myself.

I called on Mr. Starr before leaving. He is a delightful person. He promised a token contribution forthwith and said he would ponder as to a larger sum later on. I did not get a chance to tell him of our desperate need, as distinct from our general need.

He and Mrs. Starr are going abroad next week.

Mr. Clement sent me on your letter of March 24 to him. I have to be in Memphis next week and shall try to find an approach to Mr. Abe Waldauer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by GSM April 7;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Dean William J. Faulkner
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dean Faulkner:

I am very grateful indeed for the pleasant company and interesting experiences of the day at Fisk, as the Council is also for the generous check.

Please remember me cordially to Mr. Starr. He was most helpful too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

April 11, 1950

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Mr. Williams called from the airport this morning. He had mailed the enclosed letter.

He suggests that you send an audit and the statement of the Council's needs (also enclosed) to Mr. Ellerson, together with a note; I have typed out his suggested note in case you want to use it as is -- it will save your doing any typing.

Mr. Williams will follow up with a letter asking him for money.

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You will be glad to know that we got a $200 check today. Represents a pledge made by Mr. Aronstam (I think - I'm writing the name from memory), one of Mr. Abram's people.

Also a letter from Mr. Mynders enclosing a copy of a letter sent to all Tennessee SRC members -- an adaptation of Dabbs' letter.

I just checked with Norma to see if she had anything to add. Of all things, I had forgotten about a check from Donald Comer, for $100.

I hope you are having a good trip.

Beth Rogers

April 11, 1950

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

That was mighty kind of you to write. We enjoyed you and all those who came.

It's one scrap down here in this part of the world, and the more we stick together, the better.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Miss Margaret Garrity
Interracial Secretary
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Garrity:

I enjoyed the Charlotte meeting a lot. It was nice to be with so many friends. I have spread Father O'Connor's story about "forgot to look" far and wide.

If I am to go to Kentucky, I will need some help on the expense end of it. Covington is a far piece.

Our Board has been called to meet April 22 to decide whether they can raise enough money to keep us afloat. I hope they will.

Your Mrs. Morrissy is a very old friend of mine from Johns Hopkins days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 11, 1950

Mr. L. Aronstam
263 Decatur Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Aronstam:

We are indeed grateful for your contribution to the work of the Council. We do value your friendship and willingness to help us.

Such a program of "square deal" as you describe is the program of the Council. I am enclosing "An Honest Answer" which explains the Council's viewpoint.

Our sincere appreciation for your generous gift.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

Once again we thank you for a generous gift to the Council. It is sincerely appreciated.

Dr. Mitchell is now out of the city, but I will refer your letter to him upon his return. I am sure he will want to thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Mr. F. W. Palmer, President
Kingsport Press, Inc.
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We are sincerely grateful for your generous gift to the Council in its time of need. Your plan to contact fifty friends sounds most encouraging also. Such a plan is underweigh here in Atlanta and luncheon meetings have proved very beneficial. You will be interested to know that Tennessee is doing very well so far in its effort.

We will miss you at the coming Board meeting, but are most heartened by your willingness to help. We do value your friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Many thanks for your recent generous gift to the Council. It has helped us greatly in a time of need.

We are sorry you will not be at the coming Board meeting. It will be a most important one. However, we are sincerely appreciative of your continued interest in the Council. Your friendship and support are highly valued.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Brown:

Once again, we can thank you for coming to our rescue.

Your check is sincerely appreciated. We will miss you at our Board meeting, but we do value your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Professor William E. Cole
University of Tennessee
Department of Sociology
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cole:

We are most appreciative of your recent gift to the Council, and it has helped us in a time of need.

Your friendship and your participation on our Board means a great deal to us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 11, 1950

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Sorry we had to void that nice check you wrote, but I'm sure you're familiar with the partial payment technique and the reasons therefore. At least this will keep you in bread and buttermilk until our windfall is sufficient to send you another.

We have had a pretty quiet time since you left. A few nice people have sent us some checks which have enabled us to pay withholding and a few other minor bills. Dr. Mitchell has been doing a good bit of traveling to Nashville, Knoxville, New Orleans, and other points.

Jane and Harold are in Greenville. They want to do a "By the People" for Greenville which means of course we do the writing and printing. Needless to say we didn't refuse and they have contracted to buy a goodly number of them. Greenville seems to haveddone a good job and want to publicize it.

Winona had a little boy Friday and went home from the hospital yesterday. It was small, I think about six pounds and from all reports both are doing nicely.

Mr. Byrd is winding up his files and is quite busy. We are certainly sorry to see him go.

This is about all the news. It's too soon to say what kind of a secretary treasurer I am. It is a rather frantic sort of job, but I say this in the face of making out the payroll at the end of this week.

Hope that you are getting a good rest and will pay us a visit soon. This check should lift your morale.

Sincerely

April 12, 1950

Reverend M. J. Sherard
280 Sixteenth Street, South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Sherard:

In checking our records we find that your subscription to New South has expired. You received this by virtue of your being a member of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Since you have moved to Florida we invite you to become a member of the Florida Division of the Council. A membership will entitle you to receive all our publications issued throughout the year in addition to New South. I enclose a membership blank. Dues are payable to this office or to the treasurer of the Florida Division, Mrs. William C. White. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. William C. White, Treasurer
Okeechobee, Florida

April 12, 1950

Miss Fay Jackson
1209 Vine Street
Georgetown, Texas

Dear Miss Jackson:

Thank you for your recent post card. Your change of address has been noted on our records.

Yes, there is an SRC affiliate group in Texas. It is the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The chairman is Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston. There is no official affiliate organization in Austin, but we have a number of members there. If you are interested in working with the people in Austin, I'm sure Mrs. Crate would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 12, 1950

Dr. Harold O'Brien
1719 Pacific Avenue
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Dr. O'Brien:

Dr. Black of Dallas has requested that we send you information about our work. We are glad to do so and hope that you will join our membership.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 12, 1950

Mr. Paul Raymond
10 Wild Olive
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Raymond:

The Reverend Paul W. Barnhart of De Land has requested that we send you information about our work. We are glad to do so and hope that you will join our membership.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 12, 1950

Mr. LeRoy Northrup
Daytona Beach Building and Loan
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Northrup:

The Reverend Paul W. Barnhart of De Land has requested that we send you information about our work. We are glad to do so and hope that you will join our membership.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 12, 1950

President J. Ollie Edmunds
John B. Stetson University
De Land, Florida

Dear President Edmunds:

The Reverend Paul W. Barnhart of De Land has requested that we send you information about our work. We are glad to do so and hope that you will join our membership.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 12, 1950

Bishop W. W. Slade
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
410 East First Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Slade:

Dr. Clement has forwarded your generous gift to the Council. Please accept our sincere thanks for this and for your good wishes. Our work is benefited greatly from both.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 12, 1950

Mr. William Ellerson
Miller N. Rhoads
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellerson:

Mr. Paul Williams, president of the Southern Regional Council, has told me that he talked with you recently about the Council.

At his suggestion I am enclosing our audit for 1949, together with other pertinent information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encs.:2

April 12, 1950

Mr. J. Garland Pollard, Jr.
Belle Isle Farm
Somers, Lancaster County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Many thanks for you gift to the Council and for your good wishes. We are grateful for both.

We will miss you at the coming Board meeting, but are heartened by your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

12 April 1950

Mrs. C. C. Withington
12 Clarendon Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Withington:

Both Harold Fleming and I want to thank you for all your helpfulness and hospitality yesterday in Greenville. You were more than kind, and we both enjoyed your company, the lunch, and the tour of Greenville tremendously.

I guess you know by now how impressed we are with the Survey and with the people who have been responsible for such an excellent job. I hope that we can produce a report that will do justice to what has been accomplished.

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

P. S. You were right about the turn our conversation would take when we left you — and our unanimous conclusion was that the Survey couldn't have had a better, or nicer, chairman!

12 April 1950

The Rev. Dwight Chalmers
18 Mt. Vista Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Chalmers:

I am sending you under separate cover several pamphlets the Council has published on Negro Police and on Negro representation in government. I think that these will give you some of the information you requested at the meeting yesterday of the Greenville Survey Steering Committee. I am also enclosing here additional information on Negro Police which we do not have in printed form.

I hope that this material will help. If you will let us know, from time to time, what additional information of this sort would be useful for your follow-up action, we will be glad to assemble the available data and send it to you. Much of it is not in print, but our clipping files contain a great deal of this kind of information.

As we told you yesterday, Mr. Fleming and I were most impressed with Greenville's survey and with the committee which has been responsible for such an excellent job. The meeting was most interesting and helpful, and I hope that we can do the kind of report that will do justice to the survey.

We enjoyed having the chance to meet you yesterday. If and when you get to Atlanta, we would like very much to have you drop into the Council office for a visit.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

April 12, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 10 to Dr. Mitchell, with the enclosed copy of your letter to all Tennessee SRC members. Dr. Mitchell is out of town until the week end, and will see them when he returns.

By now you will have received his letter of the 10th telling you of his visit with Professor Cole, and the other information he had for you.

He will be writing you again after he gets back to the office; meantime, I know I can say for him, how much he hopes you will be able to come to the board meeting on the 22nd.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary

er/r

April 12, 1950

Mr. William C. Pryor Jr.
306 East Healey Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pryor:

I regard your ten dollars as benevolently radioactive. I wish you could observe its efflorescence as it flows about through the veins of our necessitous capital. Which is to say, Thank you.

We are for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by GSM;
signed in his absence

April 12, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thanks a lot for that full report on Bowling Green. Sounds good.

In most states the Council really should be based upon many active local chapters. If we do not have such chapters, it is a sign of our weakness. If we get them we will be a lot stronger.

I think that if we had in each state a full time paid person or a half time person, many such chapters could be organized and kept going. They are not worth having unless they have something to do. The self-survey is the best of many things to do.

Unfortunately, our financial structure leaves no room for a steady trickle of dues to a local chapter treasury. I don't know what to do about that, and never have known. If a local group wants some money, apparently it will have to assess its members a dollar a year or two extra. The truth of it is, if it really takes on a job of work, it will have to raise local sums in goodish blocks. For a self-survey or some treasured local project, the money can be had.

We would simply be delighted if Bowling Green would do a self-survey. It's just the sort of town we want to reach, and a nice town anyway. Greenville, South Carolina, has completed a beautiful survey of its Negro community. We have just promised to print for the Greenville committee, 1600 copies of a short-form final report for them. It has had rich results already, and much more to come.

We have tried to follow what happened in the legislature and have been delighted with the outcome. Kentucky does not seem to me to have had for these brave and wise things, one-tenth the praise that should have been hers. You have found the unfindable -- a way to combine recognition of principle with recognition of this or that community's temporary unwillingness to accede to principle. It is an achievement of the very highest order.

As to follow-up on the entry of Negro students into colleges, there are two schools of thought. Some people say, Let everything be -- sink or swim. I

say, Watch it closely and avoid wrecks; help make successes known. It is possible that one, two, or three incidents, good or bad, in the early months would set the quality of the state's reception of the change. If you can do it, it seems to me you ought to set up a rather sensitive piece of machinery that would let you know of ups and downs. I would work closely with the press on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 12, 1950

Miss Margie Helm
Librarian, Western College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Miss Helm:

I was so very glad to have Mr. Tyding's letter of March 3, a copy of which he sent you. Glad it's under way.

We would be greatly cheered if Bowling Green would take on a self-survey. I have asked Mrs. Simpson to write you in detail of the success of the self-survey in Greenville.

Jane

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

CC:J. M. Tydings

April 13, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We are delighted that you are able to attend the Board meeting April 22 and are looking forward to meeting you.

We were able to obtain reservations for you at the Henry Clay Hotel the night of April 21st. Let us know if this is not satisfactory. The Piedmont was completely booked for that night.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 13, 1950

Dr. William E. Cole
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cole:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Board meeting.

We were able to get two rooms for you and your family at the Henry Grady for the night of April 21st. Let us know if this is not satisfactory. The hotels are rather crowded on this date so we were unable to secure the adjoining rooms you prefer. I asked especially that the rooms be as close to each other as possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 13, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Heyman, Howell & Heyman
511 Connally Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Many thanks for Albert Meyer's check and our sincere appreciation to you and Mr. Haas for your most effective efforts on our behalf.

The Board members are beginning to take action. The enclosed statement will show your good works and theirs.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 13, 1950

Mr. Albert E. Mayer
William-Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Mr. Abram has written us and enclosed your recent gift to the Council. We are sincerely grateful to you for your help in this emergency.

With appreciation and every good wish, I am

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 13, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Our sincere thanks and our boundless gratitude to you and Mr. Abram for your efforts in our behalf.

I am enclosing a list so you can see the results of your good works. I hope that your wishes for our future will be realized.

With deep appreciation, I am

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 13, 1950

Mrs. C. E. Mullins
Woman's Society of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
Brookhaven, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Mullins:

Your check for twenty-five dollars ($25.00) is very helpful to us at this time. Please accept our thanks and inform your Society of our appreciation of their continued support.

It is beyond my understanding why you have not received New South. We are entering a subscription for you, Mrs. Fore, and Mrs. Bullock. Please let us know if the above address is not your correct one.

It has occurred to me you may not have seen some of our more recent publications. We are sending you a packet of them with our most up-to-date publications list, and will be glad to supply you with anything you think would be useful in your work.

Our best regards to you and to the Mississippi Conference of W.S.C.S.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 14, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
Executive Secretary
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office this week -- in fact, he is in New Orleans at the Catholic educators' conference, so I am replying for him to your letter of April 11.

The envelopes addressed to Louisiana members are being sent to you today, air parcel post. You should have them Monday. We used plain envelopes, as you suggested.

Mr. Fleming, Director of Information, is getting material on Negro police together for Mr. Douthit and will send it to him. It is good news that the New Orleans papers are going to start using some material on Negro police.

We are sorry that you may not be here for the board meeting. We hope to see both Father O'Connell and Miss Sytz.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary

ER/r

April 14, 1950

Miss Elizabeth Clodfelter
Post Office Box 54
Lexington, North Carolina

Dear Miss Clodfelter:

The Conference on Education and Race Relations was absorbed by the Southern Regional Council in 1944.

Most of the information you request is now out of print. We are sending you separately a copy of America's Tenth Man, as well as a complete publications list.

As you have probably discovered, the ten cents you mention in your letter failed to get enclosed. If you could send us that as the cost of America's Tenth Man, we should appreciate it.

We shall be glad to have your order for further materials.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

April 14, 1950

Miss Elaine McMullin
441 West Second
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Miss McMullin:

Enclosed is an issue of our publication New South which sums up pronouncements of various church denominations on the matter of race. For detailed information about their programs, I suggest that you write directly to them.

Two good people are Dr. Hugh Brimm, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. John H. Marion Jr., Director, Committee on Christian Relations, Presbyterian Church in the United States, P. O. Box 5094, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er
Enc.

April 14, 1950

Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Moore:

Our sincere thanks to you for your generous gift to the work of the Council, and for your cooperation in the effort to relieve our critical situation.

We are greatly encouraged by your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 17, 1950

Mr. Stanley P. Hebert
770 Madison Building
623 North Second Street
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hebert:

How very pleasant to have your letter of April 15. We are delighted that you remembered the little pamphlet and that you can make it useful in your area.

It has done wonders in the South. Paper after paper has shown marked improvement in the last six months. I think the truth is that a lot of Southern papers were willing to do better but really did not know the rules, and this little book made them plain.

The pamphlets are fifteen cents apiece, which makes the twelve sent you today come to $1.80. The Council is hard up, and I would be grateful for your kindness in sending us back a check.

If we can help you, or your chapter, or the Alphas, or anyone with more copies, or in some other way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 17, 1950

Mr. Peter Cooper
807 Walker Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cooper:

A most cordial welcome to you as a contributing member of the Southern Regional Council.

I promised to send you a copy of the list of materials we got up for extension courses offered by Mercer University to Baptist ministers out over the state of Georgia. I do not think this material has been put into use by the Baptist classes, but awaits their second year when strictly theological studies will have been gone through.

It was a pleasure to be with you last week. Call on the Council for any service it can do you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mrs. Norma Huff

17 April 1950

Miss Ethel Simpson, Executive Director
Greenville Y. W. C. A.
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Simpson:

Thank you so much for sending me the clipping about Hodding Carter's appearance in Greenville this week. As you probably know, Mr. Carter is a member of the Southern Regional Council's Board of Directors.

Harold Fleming talked to Frank Cleaver about it this past weekend in Atlanta, and Mr. Cleaver is planning to put Mr. Carter onto the Greenville Survey and tell him about the forthcoming report. We are quite certain that he will be most interested in writing an article on the Survey once he has all the information.

I enjoyed seeing you again last week in Greenville, and both Mr. Fleming and I were most impressed with the Committee and the job it had done on the Survey. I hope that our report will do justice to it all.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

17 April 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD -- Route 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Gillespie:

Thanks so much for your telegram which I received this morning. I am sorry that you will not be able to attend the meeting in Greenville. It promises to be an interesting session -- and also an informative one for people who are interested in the self-survey.

We have been able to arrange for a report of the meeting, however, so please don't worry on that account.

I was awfully sorry to have missed you in Hartsville, and I shall look forward to talking with you in Atlanta on the 26th.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

April 17, 1950

Mr. John V. Field
Adviser, Undergraduate Publications
Temple University
Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Field:

Enclosed is an order form for our pamphlet, Race in the News. We shall be happy to have your order.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

Enc.

April 17, 1950

Mr. M. B. McNeel
Langston University
Langston, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. McNeel:

I am sorry to say that the Southern Regional Council, for financial reasons, is not able to consider any applicants for employment at this time. Maybe at some future time an improved budget will make it possible for us to discuss the matter with you.

I am not sure what sort of scholarship you are interested in. A good organization which concerns itself with such things is the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. You can get information from them by writing Dr. Paul Lawrence, 3200 16th Street, N.E., Washington 18.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

April 17, 1950

Mr. L. E. Aylsworth
1840 South 23rd Street
Lincoln 2, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Aylsworth:

The only thing we have in print on Negro suffrage in Georgia specifically is the enclosed leaflet. As you will see, it is published by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation and discusses generally the question of block voting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

Enc.

17 April 1950

Mr. Glenn Douthit
New Orleans Item
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Douthit:

At the request of Mrs. Helen Cohn of New Orleans, we are sending you the information on the use of Negro Policemen in Southern Cities which the Southern Regional Council has compiled over a period of several years.

In the attached envelope we are enclosing such materials as we have in print on this subject. Enclosed here also is a memorandum of changes and additions which brings our latest published list (September 1949) up to date, a copy of some sample statements by Police Chiefs about Negro Police in Southern cities, and a copy of an Atlanta Journal editorial about the experience with Negro Police in Atlanta.

We hope that this information will be helpful. If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

April ~~10-14~~ 17, 1950

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April 10-14, 1950

April 17, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

I got along all right on my dawn trip to New Orleans, and got safely home to Atlanta last Friday night.

You were nobly kind to make all those patient arrangements and also so many opportunities to get across to the best people in Memphis what the Council is. I am deeply grateful.

It was nice to have the chance to get to know you at your work.

I will write to Mr. Price and to Neill Bruce; otherwise, I must ask you once again to give me your assistance in getting my thanks about to the people who were so very friendly and helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1950

TO: N. Huff

FROM: G. Mitchell

I suppose you ought to issue a note of thanks to the Memphis Community Relations Committee and to the Memphis group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. I think the man Binford is treasurer of each. You have his check for $30 and using tjat name you could do him in two letters separately for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Memphis Community Relations Committee. His address: Lemoyne College.

GSM:er

April 17, 1950

Mr. Neill Bruce
1943 Lyndale Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Neill:

You and Shipman were extremely kind to provide me with a bed and freshly laundered sheets and breakfasts and dinners for my near week in Memphis. Your house was my home, and I enjoyed it.

My admiration to honorable Shippers, who is a good egg.

906 Lullwater is your home when you get to Atlanta, and Shipman's also if he will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 17, 1950

Miss Lovida Jane Sojka
701 East Jefferson Street
Washington, Iowa

Dear Miss Sojka:

Thank you for your order of materials.

Understanding Our Neighbors is out of print, but I am sending separately a copy of America's Tenth Man, a later publication which incorporates much of the same material. The price of America's Tenth Man is ten cents.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

April 17, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

You are, as always, no end of encouragement. I thank you most warmly for your letter of April 14.

We will still hope that someone from Mississippi will be at the meeting, but in any case, it will be heartwarming to announce that Mississippi agrees that it should be able to get together $2,000 by December 15. How kind that is of you and Mr. Carter and Mrs. Lyells to become sustaining members. And how kind also for our faithful Mississippi Division to come near to emptying its treasury for the Council.

People have rallied around just remarkably. Alfred Mynders says Tennessee can raise two thousand dollars. New Orleans is raising a sum. Some Jewish friends here in Atlanta have found about $1500 and our Atlanta board members last week took responsibility for raising about $3,000. Virginius Dabney is helping us raise money in his state, and the people in North Carolina are at work. Mrs. Crate is coming to the meeting at her own expense, which is a friendly act. Good Marion Wright obtained $250 that came in today from Mrs. Coker. The New York Times in the issue for Sunday, April 16, gave us a nice story about our need, and the Herald Trib a grand story the day before.

I will admit that I had been fearful that our friends would say, If the Council is slipping, let her go. Quite to the contrary, everyone has said, This thing has to go ahead and get bigger, and we will find the means to make it go.

In earnest gratitude,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Executive Director

April 17, 1950

Mr. George St. John Jr.
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. St. John:

Thank you for your letter of April 15.

When I was in Chicago a few days before I wrote the original letter to Dr. Johnson about the Henry Strong Foundation, I was told by Mr. Wilson's secretary that Fisk, Tuskegee, Hampton, and Dillard were on the approved list. I assume from your letter of April 15 that Mr. Wilson has written you that Fisk is not now on the list. Unless he has been entirely specific about that, I think I would go on the assumption that you are still on the list and that applications from Fisk students will be entertained.

I had a good time at Fisk and was delighted to be there. Let me know when you or Mrs. St. John come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 17, 1950

Mr. Hollis F. Price
Lemoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Hollis:

I am deeply grateful for your own and the college's many hospitalities to me last week, and that good big check was a very great help too.

It was a real pleasure to get to know the college. I hope the friends the Council made there will serve as a base for our continuing to grow in the Memphis area.

Ever good wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

We are having the one thousand Alabama Division letterhead stationary and the five hundred envelopes printed. These will be mailed to you along with the bill. It is estimated to cost about seventeen dollars.

Mr. Gershon, our printer, believes he will be able to get them to you about the first of next week.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 18, 1950

Mrs. D. R. Coker
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Coker:

Mr. Marion Wright has forwarded a most generous gift to the work of the Council from the estate of D. R. Coker. He is under the impression that it is your contribution. We extend our sincere thanks.

Please inform us if we have not made our acknowledgement to the proper person.

We are most gratified and encouraged to have your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 18, 1950

Mr. Binford
Memphis Group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation
Le Moyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Binford:

Our sincere thanks to the Memphis Group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation for their recent gift to the work of the Council. It is most encouraging to have your friendship and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 18, 1950

Mr. Binford
Memphis Community Relations Committee
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Binford:

We are most grateful for the generous contribution of the Memphis Community Relations Committee. Our work is benefited by this donation. Please extend our sincere thanks to the Committee.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

18 April 1950

Miss Margie Helm, Librarian
Western College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Miss Helm:

Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Tydings have asked me to write you in detail about the current self-survey in Greenville, South Carolina. In view of the fact that right now we are preparing a short final report of their survey for the Greenville Committee, I will write you only briefly here. The report itself (which should be in print in about a month) will give you a much more complete picture than I could paint in a letter.

The self-survey of Greenville's Negro community began last July, under the official sponsorship of the Greenville Community Council. Over 250 citizens of both races have worked as enthusiastic volunteers on the various survey committees, and the survey began to yield rich results long before its recommendations were made public.

Already many striking improvements can be seen in such areas as housing, sanitation, recreation, health and medical care, and the handling of racial news in the local papers. The people in Greenville say, however, that the most important gain so far has been an intangible one -- the marked change in attitudes and atmosphere which has occurred in the community during the course of the survey. It is this change, of course, which has made the more concrete improvements possible.

If your group in Bowling Green is interested in thepossibility of a local self-surgey, the Council will be happy to help in any way we can. In any event, I shall certainly see that you receive a copy of the Greenville report when it is finished.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

April 18, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman, Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

We are most grateful for your recent check for ($250) two hundred and fifty dollars, representing the fourth quarterly payment of your appropriation to the work of the Southern Regional Council for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1950.

Your support means a great deal to us and we extend our sincere thanks to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for your continued interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 18, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mentzer-Bush Publishing Company
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We were disturbed, as I know you were, to receive a copy of P. B. Young's letter to you of April 12. It is an incredible blunder on his part, but one for which we must necessarily feel sorry.

I don't know what you have done about it or plan to do about it. If you have not already written him, however, here are a few things which have occurred to George Mitchell and me as worthy of mention in any letter you might send.

a. We haven't any idea of what he means by his reference to a "full list" of directors from which his name was excluded. His name has been included in every list of the Board -- in whole or in part -- which we have put in print. The only thing we could think of was the reprint from the New York Times, which, as you see, does not purport to contain a complete list of our Board of Directors at all.

b. The charge that we are out to injure the Negro press is, as you know, absurd. Nothing in Race in the News can reasonably be construed that way. It is true that one case is cited of a white newspaper's undertaking to rival the influence of an Eastern newspaper circulating in the area. This is reported merely as an illustration of one of the attitudes found in white Southern newspapers.

c. You may recall that the Southern Regional Council issued a pamphlet entitled The Negro Press, consisting virtually completely of utterances by Mr. P. B. Young himself -- and highly laudatory in tone. If we had any animosity toward the Negro press, inherited or otherwise, we should not have been likely to publish this on our own initiative.

d. As many people on Negro newspapers, including the Norfolk Journal and Guide, will testify, we have always cooperated in every possible way with them. We have supplied them with all our releases, as well as special information requested. We have invited Negro newsmen to

be present at all news conferences and to publish materials arranged by the Council. And we have had the hearty cooperation of Negro editors on our programs and in our other activities.

e. Race in the News and its effect on the white Southern press have been generously praised by persons deeply interested in the welfare of the Negro press. Channing Tobias, you will remember, described the booklet as one of the most important contributions to race relations in recent years. Mr. C. A. Scott, who heads the only Negro daily in this nation, has been warmly enthusiastic, and the booklet has been praised editorially by such uncompromising Negro newspapers as the Chicago Defender.

Mr. Young has embarrassed both himself and us, and I know that the matter will have to be handled privately and delicately by you. I hope some of the points made above will be useful.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

P.S. In case you do not have the publications cited above, I am sending you copies by regular mail, first class.

HCF:er

April 18, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Sorry my trip to New Orleans, which I neglectfully gave you no notice of, coincided with your visit to Mississippi, but I hope we will see you here April 22.

Everybody has been every encouraging about getting sufficient money, and some relieving checks are coming in already.

I called on Mr. James Lewis, but found him ensconced with a crony and not disposed to be generous in the presence of the friend. Father O'Connell undertook to urge Mr. Lewis again shortly. This, by way of clearance in order that you shall know what I did about it. I think there's $250 there if he is rightly approached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Mr. Reginald Mitchell
217A Academic Building
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Two thirty P.M. May 5 is fine,

and I will be there.

Let me know where you want me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Mr. Frank P. Thomas
The Alabama Citizen, Inc.
1307 27th Avenue
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Sorry to hear that you aren't still at Lincoln, but I value your running your paper.

I met Mr. Swingler in Memphis last week and he said he is about to repair to Lincoln himself for a spell.

We have put out three issues of New South relating to Negro police. The oldest is the best, as giving most coverage of what chiefs, etc., had to say, but the last is a better table, of course.

I send you quite a bundle of them and hope that they will do some good.

Do try to get us a local group in Tuscaloosa. We ought to have it.

The Alabama Citizen comes in each week and is greatly valued.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Jones
Dept. of Zoology and Entomology
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

I greatly appreciate your check for $30.58 in full payment of my expenses to Knoxville.

I enjoyed the occasion and am most happy to have had that renewed link with the Association.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Miss Mary E. Rich
c/o Dr. B. L. Arms
Haines City, Florida

Dear Miss Rich:

How very nice to have your kind letter of April 13. I remember all our Delaware associations and cherish them.

Morris took a job last fall doing the thing he most likes -- training teachers to be material for progressive schools. The Putney school carries a running training program for teachers from outside who observe in it and learn. Morris runs that end of it. Meanwhile, he continues to have some function in advising student cooperative tours and has just returned from flying around the world to arrange stopping places for the co-opers.

Our Council is a good thing, and I do hope you will join it. For convenience' sake I send you a recent memo that gives the dope. It is cast toward people with flocks of money, which I certainly don't expect Miss Mary Rich to have, but it does tell the story.

Do please stop and see us in May when you come through. We would love to tell you more of what we do.

I keep remembering that Miss Robinson is at Winter Park for months each year, and I do hope some day to get to see her.

Broadus's oldest daughter is at the Women's College, I believe, in some faintly supervisory capacity over a group of girls who live at The Knoll.

I have a mighty nice wife and two growing gals and a good big house with a guest room, so please come to see us. Home address, 906 Lullwater Road, telephone Dearborn 5961; office address as above, telephone Walnut 1821.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/encs.

April 18, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

How very gratefully we appreciate your own and Mrs. Coker's effort in sending the $250. I note also our many other reasons to be grateful to you.

I will write Mrs. Coker to get the details, as you suggest.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Mr. Thomas M. Cooley II
Counsel, Subcommittee on
Labor-Management Relations
Committee on Labor & Public Welfare
United States Senate 15-B Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

I am grateful for your letter of April 12.

I can't claim to be abreast of the situation, but I have of course watched with interest the progress of labor-management relations in the Southern Textile Industry.

The Board of the Southern Regional Council meets April 22. If they consent to my giving testimony, I will be most happy to do so.

I will be writing you immediately after the Board meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 1950

TO: Mrs. Tilly
FROM: Dr. Mitchell

When I was in Memphis I called at Mrs. Charles Henderson's home but unfortunately found her out. I left a card.

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Mr. H. L. Foreman
216 West Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Trot:

Here are some materials that bear on the Council's work that benefits, health, recreation, and education for everybody's children in the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. by Dr. Mitchell;
signed in his absence

April 18, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

A little report on my visit to Memphis. Miss McCulloch steered me about expertly. They have a Community Relations Committee based on faculty people at Lemoyne and Southwestern. Several of them joined the Council this trip and we talked about the possibility, months or a year from now, of getting a growing membership into what could become a Memphis chapter of the Council. They are good people, in earnest, and discreet.

I talked to the Community Relations Committee at St. Mary's Cathedral, downstairs. I believe that the gathering had been discussed and approved by the vestry and was something of a precedent. All went quite well. Other appearances were before the faculty at Lemoyne, several classes at Lemoyne, and a chapel program there. Also for a minute gathering of the people in the Fellowship of Reconciliation and before the Memphis branch of the League of Women Voters. This last was my weakest appearance, as they had billed me on public education, which I don't know much about.

I called on Mr. Barry and had a brief and pleasant chat with him. I also saw Walter Chandler for a couple of minutes, though he had others with him and was mighty busy. At the Press-Scimitar I arrived at the wrong time and was only permitted to wave at Mr. Meenan through plate glass, but I shook hands with Mr. Allgren and met the city editor, who arranged for the assistant city editor, Mr. Robert Talley, to do an interview. Everyone in Memphis spoke of the great advance made by the Commercial Appeal in the last couple of years in handling Negro news.

We got eight or ten new members in Memphis and Lemoyne paid fifty dollars toward my travel. The Community Relations Committee chipped in $25 as a contribution. The Fellowship of Reconciliation put in $5.00 as a contribution. So toward Tennessee's $2,000, count that additional thirty.

Schaeffer in Mississippi wrote us today that Mississippi will raise $2,000 by December 15.

Marion Wright sent in $250 today from Mrs. Coker. Some Jewish friends in

Atlanta raised $1500 the other day, and the Atlanta board members, meeting last Thursday, promised to find about $3,000. I get encouragement from Virginia and North Carolina. All in all, people have rallied quite remarkably.

We were greatly pleased with John Popham's story in yesterday's Times. Henry Lesesne did a good one also in the Herald Tribune for Saturday, April 15.

The picture is one of encouragement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

N.H. - For Board Meeting

April 18, 1950

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Committee on Labor & Public Welfare
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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 18, 1950

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to abstract the main information from these letters for Mrs. Vinson's information and send the originals on to you. Here they are.

I hope you had (are having) a good trip to New York.

Sincerely,

April 18, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

How very kind that was of you to send the hundred dollars. We are deeply grateful for it.

I will respect your wishes about the Board membership, which formally expires in November of 1950.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 19, 1950

Mr. Gurney P. Hood
Box 951
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. J. H. Wheeler of Durham. His contribution of ten dollars belongs entirely to the North Carolina Division, so I thought you would like to acknowledge it. It has been so entered in our books.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 19, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
Freedmen's Publishing Company
2418 Leeland Avenue
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Let me also add my thanks to those of Dr. Mitchell for your generous gift to the work of the Council. Needless to say it will help us a great deal.

We regret that you will be unable to attend the coming Board meeting. However, we are greatly encouraged by your friendship and continued support.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 19, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

We are most happy that you are able to attend our Board meeting.

Reservations have been made for you for the night of April 21 at the Piedmont Hotel, a single room and bath. If this is not satisfactory, a wire will probably reach us in time to make the adjustment.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

April 19, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
444 East 20th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Things look up a bit. $250 from Mrs. Coker, $100 from Mr. Comer, Mississippi pledges two thousand, so does Tennessee. Other states are raising money. Carter Wesley sent $125 more and said he would complete his pledge of five hundred. Friendly letter. Kendall Weisiger sent $50 from the Ashby Jones Memorial Fund. The other day for a hovering moment we had a balance of $1000 in the bank.

Fleming and other friends hereabouts were juxtaposed to Michael Straight on a week end visit he paid to Atlanta. He promised us $1000 forthwith from the William C. Whitney Foundation and strongly foreshadows favorable action on a larger one-time gift later on. So there comes another of your entries paying off.

The Board comes on, on Saturday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mike Straight told us we should apply to his cousins, the Greenwald Foundation. Can you send us any information about them? Did we ask them?

GSM:er

MEMORANDUM

April 19, 1950

TO: Harold Fleming
FROM: George Mitchell

Why don't you yourself send Michael Straight a copy of the last issue of New South?

GSM:er

April 19, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

We had a letter from Donald Comertthe other day, sending us a check for $100, which we greatly appreciated.

He added to his letter a request that the next time we print any stationery, we leave his name off of the "Advisory Council." The truth is, as I heard from him earlier, his election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council was without his foreknowledge and would not have had his acceptance except for the accident that it was to a one-year term expiring late in 1950. He said he is trying to limit his responsibilities, and where he cannot attend meetings, it is only fair to everyone that his name not be used.

I have told him that we would respect his wishes in any further printed material from here. I assume that by "Advisory Council" he means Alabama Division letterhead, which carries him, and I should think that it would be a proper courtesy for the Alabama Division to accede to his wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. My secretary tells me that you have stationery over here now for a new printing. It sounds a bit arbitrary, but I have just dropped his name from your Advisory Council -- rather than let it run on for the currency of a new stock.

GSM:er

April 19, 1950

Mr. Henry Lesesne
2512 Glenwood Road
Columbia 4, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Lesesne:

More to be valued than rubies are sureness, deftness, and accuracy in a news story.

I never saw so beautiful an example of it as your account in the Herald Trib last Saturday.

We deeply appreciate your good will and your skill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. The Harvard student's letter of which I enclose a copy came in the afternoon mail after I had dictated my note.

GSM:er
Enc.

April 19, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
Freedmen's Publishing Company
2418 Leeland Avenue
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I do thank you most warmly indeed for that great big check. Had we had the money, we would have thought it a bargain to get you here for the Board meeting, but it is nice to have this step-up in our slender balance.

Mighty nice of you also to make plans to bring it to $500 in the end. I don't think you are unconditionally obligated on that, but 'tis true it is greatly needed.

People have rallied around mighty well. Tennessee is raising $2000, Mississippi is raising it, Virginius Dabney is finding us money, North Carolina is finding some, South Carolina has increased its contributi n, and so on. We got a promise just day before yesterday of an immediate thousand from the William C. Whitney Foundation and more, we hope, to come. I think that by the time of Saturday's meeting, certainly ten, and maybe fifteen, thousand will be in sight.

With warm appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 19, 1950

Mr. Kendall Weisiger
607 17th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Kendall:

You are a good egg. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 19, 1950

Mr. Kendall Weisiger
607 17th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weisiger:

Our many thanks for your recent contribution from the Ashby Jones Memorial Fund. It certainly does help out, and we are most encouraged to have your friendship and continued interest in our work.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 20, 1950

Mr. Frank F. Lee
955 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send us that check for twenty dollars. Begging money has its miserable side, but I think that is more than wiped out by the sincere appreciation we all feel for acts of friendly kindness such as yours.

If I continue to go about with my speech, I do want to get it into print. Perhaps on the basis of the 1950 census (which for the first time will give some real figures on the size of land holdings) it could be done.

I had a couple of days at Fisk just lately. Have talked for Mr. Barrett, at chapel for Dean Faulkner.

People have been rallying around mightywell, and I should think the Board would probably want to find ways to meet the Council's needs. They meet on Saturday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lowry
Apt. 3-A, 951 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lowry:

We did receive your note and your contribution to the Council. Our sincere thanks for your interest and support.

We are entering a joint membership for you and you will receive our publication, New South, along with other literature as it is published. Let us know if this is not satisfactory. I am sending a small sample of our publications.

Please let us hear from you again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 20, 1950

Mrs. Ruby Stutts Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We were most gratified to receive your check this morning and extend our sincere appreciation.

It is encouraging to know that you in Mississippi are such good friends. You have certainly rallied to our support nobly. Mr. Schaeffer has written us of your plans.

All our thanks and best regard to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

WILLIAM W. GIBBS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

INGRAHAM BUILDING
MIAMI, FLORIDA

April 21, 1950

Dear Editor:

This pamphlet, called Race in the News, is being generally praised as a temperate set of suggestions for the Press to use in matters involving race.

I am able to send it to you partly through the aid of the editor of the Greenville, Mississippi Delta Democrat-Times, Mr. Hodding Carter, who is one of the Board members of the Southern Regional Council.

The Southern Press is notably giving attention to fairness and considerateness in stories having a race aspect.

I would be grateful for your study of the pamphlet, and for your use in the paper of such of its guides as may seem workable.

Sincerely,

William W. Gibbs

William W. Gibbs
Chairman, Florida Division
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

April 19, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Rinehard and Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We are sending you Race in the News with covering letter, as enclosed, to be mailed to all the county weekly newspapers in Florida.

Your only remaining duty is to mail them as soon as they are received so they will bear the Florida postmark.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 21, 1950

Mr. Roy Larsen
Time-Life-Fortune, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Larsen:

Most kind of you to take the call at the airport.

Here is the Herald-Tribune story, of which we are very proud.

We are struggling to keep going a movement that is central to all good purposes in the South. If you can get us some help, we will be deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
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April 22, 1950

Mr. George Weaver
C.I.O.
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Weaver:

Paul Williams told me of his conversation with you yesterday, and of your willingness to present the case of the Southern Regional Council to Mr. Phillip Murray with the hope that he will give $1,000 at this time when the Council so desperately needs funds.

I am not only a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, but I serve on the Executive Committee, so I am well acquainted with the activities of the Council. I honestly believe it is doing a significantly important work at this time when there are hopeful signs in the South and these trends need to be encouraged. I earnestly urge that you will make a strong case for the Council and will appreciate your personal efforts in its behalf.

Sincerely,

C. H. Gilman
Regional Director, C.I.O.
Atlanta, Georgia

CHG:er

April 22, 1950

Mr. J. M. Ellison, President
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellison:

I greatly appreciate your letter of April 19. We are most sorry not to have you here today for the annual meeting.

It was kind indeed of you to talk with Mr. Channing Tobias. He is most friendly to the Council and I think could find us additional support in one way or another.

George Mitchell followed your suggestion and talked with Curtis Dixon April 17. Dixon was just back from the board meeting in New York. He thought it would be quite difficult to get the board to make a contribution to the Council, but he was willing to present it at the 1951 meeting, and we will plan to have a request before the Southern Education Foundation at that time.

We all cherish your loyal friendship.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er

April 24, 1950

Mr. George L-P Weaver
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I was delighted to see you Fridsy, at which time I had an opportunity to bring you up to date on some of the activities of the Southern Regional Council.

The toughest part of the country for the work you have in hand is the South. Nearly the whole of public opinion has to be brought around. The Southern Regional Council is dedicated to the job of making that changed public opinion from within the South. It has worked on it bravely for the whole civil rights fight. It reprinted in digest form the report of the President's Commission on Civil Rights and pushed it into the furthest corners of the region. It accompanied the pamphlet with another setting out the exact future of civil rights in the South -- a documented job. It put through innumerable meetings of influential local people in Southern communities to push that program. The result has been a growth of attention on civil rights which hitherto had not existed.

We have done more than push pamphlets. We have taken the lead in the spreading Southern movement to add Negro police officers to city police forces, with notable success. Through a subsidiary organization, the Fellowship of the Concerned, headed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly, the Council has alerted thousands of church women throughout the South in the protection of fair and equal process of law. These local church women sit in on court trials, making their presence known to court officials. They point and push to protect in every proper way the administration of justice and the operation of our police and court systems.

The Council has for many years used every possible effort to remove the habits of violence and intimidation which have so long colored race relationships in the South. It has stood against every group which resorted to anything other than normal American methods in public contro-

versy.

We are deeply interested in the whole program of FEPC. The Council is on record as favoring Federal legislation in the field of fair employment practice, and our influence is at work over the South to improve the region's record in this regard.

I urge you most earnestly to lay before Mr. Murray the Council's need for a contribution of $1,000 from the General Fund to aid the Council in its present financial emergency and enable it to continue this fundamental work so necessary in the South today.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er
Encl.

April 24, 1950

Mr. James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer
Congress of Industial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear James Carey:

This is an S.O.S. to you. I hope it will not get bogged down in your mail. It is too important to our South for it not to get your immediate attention.

I have been informed by Mr. Paul D. Williams, President of the Southern Regional Council, that he had a hopeful conversation recently with Mr. George Weaver of the C.I.O. concerning a request to be made to Mr. Philip Murray for $1,000 to further the work of our Council. Mr. Weaver will personally present the request to Mr. Murray, but the thought occurs to me that if you should feel so disposed as to give a word of indorsement to Mr. Murray, our chances for success would be enhanced.

From our association together as members of the President's Commission on Civil Rights, you are acquainted with my work in the South for the furtherance of civil rights particularly, and for kindred humanitarian programs. The chief platforms for my work in the South are the Methodist Church women's groups and the Southern Regional Council. There are times when, for obvious reasons, the platform of the Southern Regional Council is a more powerful platform, according to the circumstances that present themselves.

The work of the Southern Regional Council until last year was financed principally by the Rosenwald Fund, which, as you know, has been liquidated. We have been hard pressed to find a single benefactor to take the place of the Rosenwald Fund, and believe it would be better for our long-range program to have many contributors rather than one. Therefore, I believe the appeal to the C.I.O. is justified, because the C.I.O. and the Southern Regional Council have kindred purposes.

Whatever you can do by speaking to Mr. Murray will be deeply appreciated by me personally, and by the Southern Regional Council.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

April 24, 1950

H. W. Wilson Company
958 University Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Recently we wrote the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company asking them to forward one copy of the February 25, 1950, issue of Business Week, which was listed in the March issue of the American Council on Race Relations Report as having an article in which we are interested.

McGraw-Hill have informed us that they are out of stock on this issue, and suggested that we write you.

We are enclosing 25¢ for this issue, and would appreciate your forwarding a copy if you have them in stock. If you do not, can you suggest someone else who might have one available?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

MEMORANDUM

April 24, 1950

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George Mitchell

Re the $100 check payable to Bishop Moore. I took it into the Bishop this morning. He said that the presence of the check at our meeting was inadvertent, it being "about something else."

He had the attached letters from some of the twelve people to whom he had written.

I have put in a tickler for January 5, 1950, concerning Bishop Walker's letter.

I don't know whether you were at the house or not when we fell to discussing travel and income tax for this Saturday meeting just past. The idea was that we could enlarge the sum of our southern contributions if we paid and received back travel for this meeting. Obviously, too, the Board members would benefit by that deduction from their income tax. It was agreed that we should ask Leonard Haas's advice. You could call him.

There would be two courses, each of which requires your writing to the Board members asking them to send in expense blanks. Under the course which I think would be all right, each member would simply write on the face of his travel voucher, "Contributed to Southern Regional Council." More cautious souls thought the second course, under which we would send them a check, which they would endorse back to us or for which they would send us back their equivalent personal check.

Additional note. I assume you will send out minutes of the March 31 Executive Committee meeting to all members of the Executive Committee, including all those who were present at the Board Meeting Saturday.

April 24, 1950

Mr. George Weaver
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I was delighted to see you Friday, at which time I had an opportunity to bring you up to date on some of the activities of the Southern Regional Council.

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record as favoring Federal legislation in the field of fair employment practice, and our influence is at work over the South to improve the region's record in this regard.

I urge you most earnestly to lay before Mr. Murray the Council's need for a contribution of $1,000 from the General Fund to aid the Council in its present financial emergency and enable it to continue this fundamental work so necessary in the South today.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er
Encls.

April 24, 1950

Mr. Paul Williams
Mentzer-Bush Publishing Company
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Your finance committee has agreed -- Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, Rufus Clement.

I save till the next julep my thanks for your Saturday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

April 25, 1950

Mrs. Luther P. Jackson
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met April 22.

They were greatly grieved in noting the loss of Mr. Jackson, and directed that the following resolution be sent to you:

> The South has suffered a tragic and irreplaceable loss in the death of Dr. Luther P. Jackson, of Virginia State College. His untiring service in the cause of a common citizenship has been of great benefit to his State and the entire Southern region.
>
> The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council wishes to express its deep sorrow at the loss of one of its members who worked so devotedly for the principles which we share.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 25, 1950

Rev. John L. Mayne
431 George Avenue
Kirkwood 22, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mayne:

We are grateful for your postcard and are happy to put you on our exchange list for New South.

We look forward to receiving Missouri Church News.

We will hope that you will wish to become an associate member of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

April 25, 1950

Dear Mr. Williams,

It has occurred to me that you asked for a copy of Mrs. Tilly's letter to Mr. Carey. Herewith.

A copy of it was sent along with your letter to Mr. Weaver; also the pamphlets that you suggested.

Here is your letter from Mr. Reiss, back.

We had $100 checks today from three sources, one of Mr. Haas' contacts, from Mr. Mynders, and from the Catholic Committee of the South. Plus some smaller amounts. Three cheers.

Hope your two days in the hospital aren't/weren't too uncomfortable.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers

April 25, 1950

Miss H. Blackburn
Chairman, Camping Committee
Camp Fire Girls
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Blackburn:

Thank you for your letter of April 19.

We got together fifteen dollars. Herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

April 25, 1950

Reverend V. J. O'Connell
Cherry Meadows
Framingham, Massachusetts

Dear Father O'Connell:

Thank you for the recent generous contribution of the Catholic Committee of the South. Please express our appreciation to the Committee. The work of the Council benefits greatly through your support and interest.

Our thanks also to the individual who sent the anonymous contribution. Please convey our gratitude.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mrs. M. H. Sterne
2504 Fifteenth Avenue, South
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Sterne:

Mr. Beittel has presented us with your recent contribution to the Council. Our many thanks to you.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and support.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

Our thanks to you for your recent contribution to the Council. Mr. A. D. Beittel presented along with others at the recent Board meeting.

We are much encouraged that our friends in the South are coming to our aid now. Good efforts in each of the Southern states can pull us through. We are grateful for your help in these efforts.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Dean C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

Mr. Beittel presented your check at the recent Board meeting. Our many thanks for your interest and cooperation in our work.

We are much encouraged about our future since this Board meeting. The effort of each state can pull us through, and they have a good beginning.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

It was a pleasure to have you at our Board meeting last Saturday. We appreciate your interest and your effort on our behalf.

The checks which you gave me at the meeting have been acknowledged, and our thanks to you for your own donation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. W. D. Gay
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gay:

Our sincere thanks to you for your recent contribution to the Council. Mr. A. D. Beittel presented it at our Board meeting last week.

Your friendship and support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. Thomas M. Cooley II
Counsel, Subcommittee on
Labor-Management Relations
Committee on Labor & Public Welfare
15-B Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

You will recall your letter of April 12 and my reply of April 18.

My Board met April 22 and agreed that I might testify before the Subcommittee.

I have no close knowledge of the application of Federal legislation in the labor-management field in the Southern Textile Industry. But I have observed the industry with special interest for twenty-five years. I have always thought that one of the South's great needs is for the removal of the wall of custom which keeps textile mill employees so largely separated from the rest of Southern citizenship. They, and the South as a whole, would benefit from anything which would put them into free frequent contact with their fellow townspeople. A good deal has occurred in this way in the last ten or twelve years, with the partial breakdown of the mill village system. The my mind, trade unionism is one of the best movements for making a link between textile workers and everybody else. They ought to be in the towns and cities across the South, an important and often predominant part of the interrelated labor movement. It would strengthen them not only in a material way, but in leadership, in outside interest, and would help them carry their fair share of the burden of bringing about modernity in the civic life of the South.

If testimony along these lines will be of interest, I will be happy to give it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Executive Director

GSM:er

April 25, 1950

Mr. Joseph O. Adler
The New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Adler:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your recent generous donation to the work of the Council. It was presented at our Board meeting last week by Mr. Alfred Mynders of Chattanooga.

We are grateful for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We do appreciate your attending our Board meeting and your effort in our behalf. The meeting was most gratifying and has given us a great deal of hope for the future of the Council.

We would like to acknowledge the donations you brought to the meeting. However, I am not sufficiently expert to decipher their signatures. Can you send us their names and addresses? One is Courtney K. Shell, or something like that, and the other is Nicholas ?.

Our sincere thanks to you for your check and for your support and interest in our work.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. Arthur Hayes Sulzberger
The New York Times
New York New York

Dear Mr. Sulzberger:

Mr. Alfred Mynders brought with him to our recent Board meeting your generous contribution to the work of the Council. Please accept our sincere thanks.

We are grateful for your support and the fine cooperation of the New York Times and the Chattanooga Times has meant a great deal to our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mrs. Edwin R. Haas
140 Waverly Way, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Haas:

Mr. Leonard Haas has just forwarded to us a generous contribution from you. We are deeply appreciative of your interest and support in the work of the Council.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 25, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. George Stoney
1253 Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear George and Mary:

There must be some saying that human kindness knows no bounds. At least the Stoneys have proved so. That was quite a beautiful check you sent us and our sincerest thanks also is boundless. It has been credited to the efforts of Georgia people which are rapidly growing into a large round sum.

Our Board of Directors was called into an emergency meeting last week and things are more hopeful at this point. Everyone is pitching in pretty vigorously.

Please pay us a visit as soon as possible, and thanks and more thanks from all of us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 1950

Herewith,

1. Sale of literature ---- 30¢

2. Catholic Committee of the South --- $100.00
List as contribution from it.
Not allocable to any state effort.

3. Donation from Rev. J. B. Gremillion 5.00
Shreveport, La. Allocable to Louisiana effort.

4. Cash money, being an anonymous contribution allocable to the Louisiana effott. As to this item, letter of thanks should be sent to: 20.00

Rev. V. J. O'Connell
Cherry Meadows
Framingham, Massachusetts

Note: Rev. J. B. Gremillion, as well as Fr. O'Connell, is a Catholic priest. So he too should be addressed as Father. (B.R.)

April 25, 1950

Dear Mr. Byrd,

We thought you might find these not only interesting but useful.

The Board meeting was pretty hopeful; we are authorized to continue until mid-June when the Executive Committee will meet again, see what funds are on hand, & decide what to do.

Has your Lithuanian family arrived yet?

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers

April 26, 1950

Mrs. Edwin R. Russell
2024 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Russell:

It was indeed kind of you to give a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. A. T. Butler presented us with it at a recent Board meeting here.

We are most grateful to have your cooperation and interest in our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. Willis C. Johnson
1401 Park Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Our sincere thanks to you for your recent gift to the Council.

The work of the Council is benefited greatly by your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. Henry Williams
1107 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mr. A. T. Butler has presented us with your recent contribution to the program of the Southern Regional Council. For this we are sincerely grateful.

Please accept our thanks for your cooperation in helping us to carry on our work in the South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Dean Gurney E. Nelson
Benedict College
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Nelson:

We acknowledge with thanks your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Our program benefits through your cooperation and friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NHL:jwh

April 26, 1950

Dr. J. G. Stuart
2030 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We are most grateful for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is encouraging to have your cooperation and interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mrs. Rachel M. Monteith
Route 1
Charlotte Highway
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Monteith:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with thanks your recent contribution. It will help us to carry on our program.

We are sincerely appreciative of your support and interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mrs. Modjeska M. Simkins
2025 Marion Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Simkins:

Mr. A. T. Butler has presented us with your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We are grateful for your cooperation in helping us to carry our program along.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. Eugene A. R. Montgomery
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with thanks your recent contribution.

We appreciate your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. A. T. Butler
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Butler:

It was a pleasure to have you attend our recent Board meeting. We are sincerely appreciative of your efforts on behalf of the Council. Those contributions you had in hand at the meeting are being acknowledged as quickly as we can get to them.

Our thanks to you for your own contribution. The action of our Board was most encouraging and so are our hopes for our future.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Our many thanks for your report of the Tennessee effort, and for your own most generous contribution to our needs.

We are sincerely grateful for your faith in our work so ably demonstrated by your efforts for the Council, and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have your able leadership among our Board members.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Dr. M. S. Davage
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Davage:

Our sincere thanks to you for your recent donation to the work of the Southern Regional Council. It was forwarded to us by Dr. Clement.

It is extremely encouraging to have your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Reverend J. B. Gremillion
216 Patrick Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Father Gremillion:

We are sincerely grateful for your recent contribution to the Council. It will be allocated to the contribution of the state effort of Louisiana.

Please accept our thanks. Your support means much to us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Kee Lox Manufacturing Company
232-242 Peachtree Arcade Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find one book of twelve coupons for carbon paper and your bill for same.

There was apparently a misunderstanding about the above order which was not given. We did however, order a coupon book for typewriter ribbon and some of the ribbons. These are completely satisfactory.

When we are in need of more carbon paper we shall be glad to try your product.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 26, 1950

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

I wanted to make certain that this good account of the Council found its way to you.

Our Board had an extraordinary meeting a few days ago and undertook to raise monies from the various Southern states -- $15,500 by June 1. That is nearly enough to see us through the year. So we begin to feel more substantially based.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

April 26, 1950

Mr. Charles F. Palmer
Palmer Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I wanted to be sure that this beautiful account of the Council got to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

April 26, 1950

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

We are very proud of this beautiful account of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

April 26, 1950

Mr. R. W. Hudgens
International Development Corporation
Standard Oil Company of New York
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Pete:

Isn't this a honey?

I am up your way April 28 to May 2, and hope to catch you in.

Only known downtown address: care of New York SCAD, 270 Broadway, on April 28. Probable local residence: care of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffrey, 9 Myrtle Drive, Great Neck.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

April 26, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Here is a peach of a story from the Herald Trib about the Council.

I am coming to New York for a meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials Friday of this week, April 28, and stay over till Tuesday morning.

I want to pay you a visit on Monday morning, May 1.

Our news is better. Our Board met lately and raised a goodly sum.

If you need to get a message to me, I am reachable care of NAIRO Board meeting, New York SCAD, 270 Broadway, on April 28. I expect to be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffrey, 9 Myrtle Drive, Great Neck.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 26, 1950

Miss Brownie Lee Jones
Southern School for Workers
Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Brownie Lee:

I attended this morning a final meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Workers Education Service. Most unfortunately, it's going to have to go out of business about July 1.

Arrangements were made for disposition of property. The staff anticipates having on hand, after all expenses are paid, a small balance. Part of this will be used in severance pay for staff persons set adrift, but a plea was made for some assistance from the final sum to the Southern School for Workers.

The action taken ought to yield a check for between $200 and $300, which ought to reach you in late June or early July.

This is as yet sorta confidential.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. Apr. 25.

April 26, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffrey
9 Myrtle Drive
Great Neck, L. I., New York

Dear Marianne and Friedl:

Here is a mighty nice story about the Southern Regional Council, which you helped so generously.

I am going to be in New York from Friday morning till Tuesday morning, April 28 to May 2, and if you have a bed, would love to spend a night or two of that time at your home.

I will call on Friday morning to find out how you are situated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

April 26, 1950

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

I would like for you to enjoy with us this fine account of the Council.

I am to be in New York May 1 and 2, and hope I may catch you or Mr. McQuiston in, to give you some report of how we do. We do rather better.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

April 27, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
President, Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 24, with the ten dollars from good Mr. Bell.

I deeply appreciate all your work for the show.

I mailed you about 110 copies of the Herald Tribune story. We didn't print enough to send you as many as you requested. If we do a reprint, I will get you another fifty.

We are greatly encouraged by that meeting. Terribly sorry about locking you out. We wanted you in.

Warmly,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

SRC - Members Corresp.

CC: Norma Huff

green

April 27, 1950

Mr. Hugh Calkins
35 West 74th Street
New York, New York

Dear Hugh:

Am I wrong in thinking you are that same good egg named Hugh Calkins who used to help the Farm Security Administration?

In any case, we do greatly appreciate your most kind contribution of $7.50 to the Council's work.

You will be glad to know that the Board meeting on April 22 scratched together pledges totalling $15,500. While we are still several thousand dollars short of enough to make up the budget for the year, we feel that with that lump sum coming in, we can get through this most difficult time.

For the long pull, what we are going to need is about 5,000 added members who will join us at 5,000 added $10 memberships. Perhaps if we wrote you again later on this year, we could get you to be one of the 5,000. Meanwhile, we add you as an associate member, using $3.00 of your contribution for that and entering the $4.50 as an extra gift.

NPL

Most appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess County
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We are most sincerely grateful for your generous gift to the Council. It comes to us in a time of great need and we do appreciate your contribution to our work.

Our Board of Directors met last week and their new efforts in each of the Southern states has given us encouragement for our future.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent well-written article about us, I enclose a reprint.

Please accept our thanks and best regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
enclosure

April 27, 1950

Mr. J. H. Washington
2330 Read Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Washington:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We do appreciate your cooperation in helping us to carry on this important program to the South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 27, 1950

Dr. L. H. Hallman
2369½ Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Hallman:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We do appreciate your cooperation in helping us to carry out our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 27, 1950

Professor Emory S. Bogardus
Department of Sociology
University of Southern California
Los Angeles 7, California

Dear Professor Bogardus:

At the request of Dr. Howard W. Odum I am sending separately a packet of some of the more important publications of the Southern Regional Council.

I enclose here some material describing the Council and its work, including an excellent story which appeared recently in the New York Herald Tribune.

If we can supply you with further information, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/hf

April 27, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Odum:

Dr. Mitchell, who is out of the city, has asked me to answer your letter of April 25.

As you suggested, we have sent today to Professor Bogardus of the University of Southern California a packet of the Council's major pamphlets. Dr. Mitchell also wrote him air mail, enclosing various materials which describe the activities and accomplishments of the Council.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 1950

TO: GSM

RE: Paul Williams' effort

Paul undertook to request of Cardinal Stritch another $1,000, and felt we might put him down conservatively for $500.

Paul Christopher and Charles Gilman wrote George Weaver asking him to press Philip Murray for $1,000 from the General Fund. Weaver was confident he could get the thousand.

Dave McDonald of the Steelworkers promised Paul $1000.

Paul obtained $200 from Miller and Rhoads.

Irving May of Talheimer's promised $100 through Virginius Dabney.

Paul said April 22 that he had lately called personal friends and had personal pledges of $500.

Paul expected Charles McCormick of Baltimore to give us $200 ~~xxxx~~ again. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Paul stated again that he believed Archbishop Rummel would give us $500.

Dave McDonald had told Paul about the Sidney Hillman Foundation. Said he would help on that. George Mitchell was delegated to see Potofsky.

When in Washington, Paul had talked with Charles Smith and Arthur Raper about the Paul Mellon Foundation. Smith and Raper called in Dr. Mordecai Johnson, who said he would meet with Oscar Ewing and hoped that Brooks Hays would join the group, and Johnson and Raper and Smith could do the job.

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 1950

GSM undertook in a telephone conversation with John Griffin to confer with Charles Gilman as to the possibilities of obtaining contributions for the Council from CIO locals in Georgia.

Griffin said that George Goodwin had undertaken to make a small personal contribution and to join in the drive.

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
President, Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

It was very nice indeed of you to come over for the meeting on Saturday, and I am very grateful.

I don't know what Mr. Comer's trouble is; I think it probably small, and if I could ever get to see him, I think we could make him a closer friend of what we do.

This is to record and recall your expectation that at least $500 could be found in Alabama (including Mr. Comer's gift and the gifts which you brought with you) by June 1.

The Board meeting ended in a good deal of cheerfulness. The total sum pledged was $15,500, which is only $8,000 short of what we need to finish this year debt-free.

The Board continued us until June 15 as is, the next step to be decided by the Executive Committee in a meeting during the first half of June. Which really means, I think, that the future depends on how well this money comes in by June 1.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. Kenneth D. Borg
Kirkland House B-24
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Borg:

We very greatly appreciate your kind and cheering letter of April 19. And it was mighty nice of you to send a check for $4.00 along with the letter.

We are taking the liberty of making you an Associate Member of the Council, which means that you have all privileges except that of voting. If you could claim an address south of the line, we would want you to vote, but we do want you to get all publications from time to time. That was a grand story in the Herald Tribune, and we are grateful for the paper's fine display of it.

The guy who writes our stuff is Harold Fleming, not long since of Harvard's precincts, and much the better for them.

Please stay our friend and let us know from time to time if we can send you information about anything special.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mrs. W. R. Dawkins
602-A Morningside Drive
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dawkins:

I do hope everything goes all right with you and your whole family. We miss you and are grateful for all of your hard, devoted work for us.

You remember the little review we were to do of a little book for a lady, perhaps in Texas. Did it get sent to AU, or is it still in thy book?

Miss Rogers doped out the minutes, and we got them together, we hope tolerably well. Congratulations on being a lady whose shorthand can be read by somebody else.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. C. H. Parrish
Louisville Municipal College
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

I am most grateful for your letter of April 25.

I could be in Louisville Thursday or Friday, May 11 or 12. With some strain I could be there Wednesday, May 10.

Let me know what day you pick.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mrs. Richard Glenn Gettell
270 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Gettell:

How very kind indeed that was of you to write about the Herald Tribune story. Nothing is more pleasant than for such an article to discover for us a new friend.

To begin with, we would greatly like to have you as an Associate Member of the Council. This would send you our small monthly magazine and whatever else the Council finds the means to print. A membership blank is on the back of one of the issues of New South sent herewith.

Here is a recent memorandum which will show you the extent of the Council's needs. I am gratified to be able to say that at an extraordinary Board meeting on April 22, our leading people over the South pledged themselves to raise some $15,500 toward seeing us through to the end of the year. I am sure you share with me the knowledge that such goodly sums for this cause are not easily come by within the South.

But we are still some $8,000 short of enough to get through. If you could possibly ease our task in part on that, we would be deeply grateful.

I am to be in New York tomorrow for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials and will try my best to reach you by phone and give you an opportunity to learn from me as Executive Director whatever may be of interest to you about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. Kenneth Little
London School of Economics & Political Science
University of London
Houghton Street, Aldwych
London, W.C. 2
ENGLAND

Dear Ken:

I am delighted that Rita Hinden is coming. I have read her recent book and look forward a lot to an opportunity to talk with her. We will steer her as best we can.

I was at Fisk ten days ago and missed you and Birta and Jo and Squiggles.

Here's a grand new recent write up about the Council. We are having hard times, but the Board did raise $15,500 in an extraordinary session last week, so we'll probably live.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

April 27, 1950

Miss Marie S. Jackson
3524 Market Street
Oakland, California

Dear Miss Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of April 19.

The Board of Control for Southern Regional Education is an organization to which we have no link of kinship, nor are we part of the Urban League. We have our own boat to row called the Southern Regional Council, and I send you one or two things which will show you about it.

We have not put anything in print about the Regional Plan for Education. I venture to suggest that the key to the worry about segregation and all that lies in the Gaines Decision and subsequent events. The Gaines Decision was that "educational opportunity if offered to one race within a state had to be equal to or open to the other race within the state." The Plan for Regional Education does in a good many instances make possible education for Negroes on an out-of-state basis in subjects offered for whites within the state. It is said on behalf of the Board of Control that such an offering is not intended to relieve a state of its obligations under the Gaines Decision.

Lately, two quite important things have occurred.

About six weeks ago the State of Kentucky passed legislation permitting cooperation with the Regional Plan for Education, but stipulating that, under the Plan, no Kentucky Negro citizen would be required to go out of the state for education on a regional basis in a field of study available within the state at an accredited institution -- whether the institution had heretofore admitted Negroes or not. Another altered law opened public institutions of higher learning and permitted private ones to open their doors to Negroes if their governing bodies wished to do so.

The other thing was the ruling in the Maryland case just last week.

The Board of Control had intervened in the case, submitting a brief to the effect that they did not desire that Regional Education be used as a device through which a state might escape its obligations (or so I understood their action -- I am not a lawyer). The Superior Court in Maryland reversed the Baltimore court and required that the University of Maryland open its doors to the Negro student in question, notwithstanding the fact that she had opportunity to resort to Meharry in Nashville, Tennessee, under the Regional Plan.

My own guess is that these two actions point the way to the future. Regional Education is a good thing in itself, and should be furthered. The legality of segregated Regional Education is at present under test in the courts, as you know. I saw a recent press statement from the Board of Control to the effect that among the states cooperating with them were some in which segregation is legal and some in which it is illegal and that, as a body with official responsibility, they were neither for nor against what was legal in either instance.

I think that it should be noted that even though future compliance with the Gaines Decision should open the doors of this or that hitherto white institution, the number of Negroes who might be expected to get into those institutions would probably be small -- poor marks, and so on. At the same time, many Negro students who would thus have a technical crack at the local white institution might genuinely prefer to go in any case to a Regional institution. I have asked Mr. John Ivey, whose Board of Control has its office here in Atlanta, to send you additional material.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. John Ivey
Board of Control for
Southern Regional Education
316 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

We had a letter (dated April 19, received April 24) from Marie S. Jackson -- presumably "Miss" -- of 3524 Market Street, Oakland, California, saying her Education-Information-Quorum of Linden YWCA is interested in the pros and cons of the Southern Regional Education program. I wrote her some pros and cons, but I think she wants something in print.

Can you send her some bulletins?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. Morris Hirsch
79 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

The Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful to you for the most welcome check for $150 received April 20.

The Council has really been in the very greatest need, and your help did much to get us started on the upgrade.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. R. L. Foreman
216 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Trot:

Thank you for your phone call on Saturday.

My best case is with the Home Town Self-Survey.

We send you separately a marked copy of our Manual for these surveys showing inkily the sets of questions and suggestions which bear directly on the needs of children. Other marked items in the Jacksonville reports.

We have just completed a survey of this kind in Greenville, South Carolina, with remarkable results. A great deal of attention in it went to problems of Negro children. We expect to have the bulletin on it in print in two or three weeks.

If I had a contribution to use for children's work, I would put it into the Home Town Self-Survey project. This was separately financed in '49 for the two-year period, 1949-1950, with monies obtained from three sources: (1) a sizeable and entirely Southern foundation which desired to be anonymous; (2) an anonymous New York contributor who was interested in our appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation; and (3) Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli of New York. The total sum donated was $6,000. We will spend on the self-survey project in '49-'50 several hundred dollars more than the $6,000, and I am most anxious to have an additional contribution which would fill out the project to completion.

We have had a hand in several surveys already completed, and we have prospects of a good many more that we can begin work on soon. I want the survey work to keep going for some years to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. William Ellyson, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Miller & Rhoads, Inc.
Richmond 17, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellyson:

I am most warmly appreciative of your letter of April 20 indicating that Miller and Rhoads has undertaken a contribution of $200 to the Southern Regional Council.

Nothing is more heartening to me as the President and to the staff in their daily work than just this sort of positive assurance that useful and responsible people in the South back the Council's approach to problems of the region.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er

April 27, 1950

Mrs. David R. Coker
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Coker:

Marion Wright sent us the other day your most kind check for $250.

It arrived on a dark day, and the whole Council has cause to thank you deeply for it.

Since then, the Board has met in emergency session, and they pieced together sums and pledges enough to see the Council through to the end of the year, I think. Indeed, it was quite a cheerful meeting. And I rather think things began to pick up at just about the time your check came in.

I am South Carolinian enough myself to acknowledge in a special way your kindness in sending it.

As the check came just by itself, our only way of knowing to whom the contribution should be credited was that it was drawn on the estate of Mr. David R. Coker. We will carry it as your contribution unless we hear otherwise.

Gratefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. William Ellyson, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Miller & Rhoads, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Bill:

That was doggoned nice of Miller & Rhoads and yourself to put up that 200 bucks, and I deeply appreciate it.

You will receive a more formal acknowledgement in due time.

My very best to you and Louise and the children.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

April 27, 1950

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Thank you for your reply of April 26.

I have checks from Mr. Shill and Mr. Kurko which are being acknowledged. However, I did not receive checks from Mr. Lackey, Mr. Clowes, or Mr. Riffe. Were they sent to Mrs. C. B. Smith in Donnalson to be mailed with the sum there, or were they given to some other member of the staff here?

I would appreciate your cooperation in helping me to clear up this matter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Mr. Nicholas H. Kurko
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Kurko:

Mr. Paul Christopher has presented us with your recent check. We are most grateful for your help in carrying on this important program.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Mr. Courtney K. Shill
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shill:

Many thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Christopher presented it to us at a recent Board meeting.

We are most grateful for your cooperation in our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Southern Education Foundation, Inc.
918 Cypress Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of your check for three dollars ($3.00) and a form indicating you wish a membership in the Council.

However, we do not offer memberships to organizations. We do enter the memberships under the name of an individual in the organization. In this case we are entering Mr. Curtis Dixon as a member. He will receive our publications and be entitled to vote at our annual meetings.

Please let us know if this is unsatisfactory.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Miss Anne Queen, Assistant Chaplain
Department of Religion
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Queen:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city for several days and will answer your letter when he returns.

In the meantime, please accept our thanks for your nice donation to the Council. It is ironic that you should learn of our financial difficulties while in the East. We do wish that more people here would take it upon themselves to help support the work that is going on their own region.

We do appreciate your cooperation and interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Mr. F. P. Drake
F. E. Compton & Company
Citizens and Southern National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Drake:

Our thanks for your most generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It will help us to carry on a more effective program.

We are sincerely grateful for your support in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

April 28, 1950

Mr. Julian J. Reiss
50 Hillcrest Avenue
Lake Placid, New York

Dear Mr. Reiss:

We are most grateful for your recent generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It will help us to have a more effective program here in the South.

Please accept our thanks for your cooperation and support of our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 1, 1950

Mrs. John M. McGinnis
c/o First Baptist Church
Cedartown, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McGinnis:

Following receipt of your letter, I visited the Atlanta Journal and discussed the forthcoming event at the Sarah Murphy Home with Mr. George Goodwin. He was much impressed and promised to do two things: (1) Write an advance story to be published in tomorrow's Journal (Tuesday, May 2). (2) See that the actual event got full coverage and was played as an important story.

It was probably fortunate that the story was once again called to the Journal's attention, for I discovered that no one had been assigned to cover the actual event on Wednesday. Let us hope that Mr. Goodwin will be able to get that oversight remedied. He and I agreed that it was a story that should get national attention, not only because of the worthiness of the Home, but also because of the commendable interracial cooperation it demonstrates.

I have not as yet been able to reach any of our friends at the Atlanta Constitution. In view of their recent editorial notice of the event, however, I am sure they will follow up with news coverage.

Please accept my heartiest good wishes for your own part in this constructive work.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

MEMORANDUM

May 1, 1950

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: D.T.

Mrs. Lyells says the Mississippi Division is sending out a letter signed by Hodding Carter asking for $10 memberships from the Mississippi membership & others.

May 1, 1950

Mrs. Georgia T. Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

Thank you for your letter of April 28.

In Dr. Mitchell's absence from the city, I am forwarding the four additional reprints of the Herald-Tribune article which you have requested.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary

May 1, 1950

Mrs. Louis I. Jaffe
Algonquin Park
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, of whose Board of Directors, you will recall, Mr. Jaffe was a member, has asked me to express to you on behalf of the whole Council the deep sense of loss felt in the death of Mr. Jaffe.

It is all too rare for people of his responsibilities in the South to be straightforwardly on the side of mutual and equal human dignity. Mr. Jaffe's associates in the Council mourn with you his loss as a man, and as a statesman of the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 1, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I don't know that any of us have in words given you the Council's very deep appreciation for the letter which you and Mr. Hancock and Paul Williams sent out, and for the remarkably large sum it brought in. Final report on it will reach you in a few days.

Meanwhile, my admiration for your generous use of your friendships to help the Council. I am glad that we have shared in the admiration these contributors and others felt for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. April 25

May 2, 1950

Mr. Philip J. Clowes
79½ Poplar Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clowes:

Please accept our thanks for your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It was presented by Mr. Paul Christopher at a recent meeting of our Board.

We are grateful for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mr. John V. Riffe
79½ Poplar Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Riffe:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with thanks your recent contribution. It was presented by Mr. Paul Christopher at a recent meeting of our Board of Directors.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mrs. Emory Marvin Underwood
"Far View"
Dunwoody 1, Fulton County, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Thank you for your recent letter and your generous check. We do appreciate very much your interest in the Council and your desire to help us.

I am enclosing some printed material which should help to answer some of your questions. At its charter meeting in Atlanta on February 16-17, 1944, the Council absorbed the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc., with its affiliated agencies, the Conference on Education and Race Relations and the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching.

The Southern Regional Council now has state divisions or affiliated groups in each of the Southern states except Oklahoma. The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, of which you are a member, is an affiliated group. Part of the dues of a Georgia Committee member comes to the Council. This enables each member to receive our publications. A similar arrangement is had with each state division and affiliated group.

We are grateful for your friendship and will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

May 2, 1950

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Our sincere thanks for your recent check to cover membership dues and a contribution.

The program of the Council benefits greatly from your support. We do appreciate your friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mr. Edwin G. Seibels
Seibels, Bruce & Company
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Seibels:

Mr. Marion Wright has just forwarded your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are most grateful for your interest and support.

Our program is extremely important to the South and for this reason is dependent upon the friendships of people like yourself. Please accept our thanks for this friendship.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

President William A. Bell
Miles College
Birmingham 8, Alabama

Dear Dr. Bell:

Our many thanks to you for your recent contribution to the Council. If we just had more interested people like you all through the South to lend such support we would be on a sound basis.

Our friends in each state have undertaken to raise goodly sums and have done a commendable job so far. We are much encouraged, and greatly appreciative.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mr. Maxwell M. Lackey
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lackey:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It was presented at a recent Board meeting by Mr. Paul Christopher.

Your support of our work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Isn't this a nice story?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enc.

May 2, 1950

Mr. John Q. Schisler
Board of Education
Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

We are delighted with this fine story about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 2, 1950

Mr. Donald W. Wyatt
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

If Social Forces sent you any reprints of your article on housing (March, 1950, issue) and you can spare a dozen for the Council, we would want to send them out to heads of our State Divisions. It is a very useful article.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 2, 1950

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman
121 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

You have been a faithful and unusually helpful member of the Council for years. We thought you would appreciate the more, therefore, this beautiful article about the Council from a recent issue of the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enc.

May 2, 1950

Mr. John Fischer
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Jack:

How about this nice story from the *Herald Tribune*?

I send you three for possible help in your kind activities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

May 2, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Minkler:

We are delighted with this good story about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enc.

May 2, 1950

Father Thomas J. Egan, C.S.S. R.
Redemptorist Fathers
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Father Egan:

Thank you for your recent check to cover membership in the Council.

It has been a policy that the Council accept memberships for individuals only. Organizations can hold subscriptions to New South for $1.50 per year, or publication subscriptions of $2.00. The latter includes New South and other publications issued throughout the year.

The usual procedure has been to give a membership to an organization in the name of an individual. In this case I am entering the membership in your name. Please let me know if this is not entirely satisfactory.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 2, 1950

Mr. Morton B. King, Jr.
Box 473
University, Mississippi

Dear Mr. King:

Many thanks for your recent check to cover your membership in the Council and a subscription to New South.

Your membership, however, does include the subscription and entitles you to other publications which may be issued throughout the year. I am enclosing a membership blank for your information as to classes of membership.

I am wondering what you would like to have done with the $1.50 which is beyond the single membership. We shall be glad to return it to you or to credit you with a contribution to the program of the Council. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

I enclose a recent well-written article about the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
enclosure

May 2, 1950

Dr. Robert P. Grant
School of Medicine
Emory University
36 Butler Street, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Our many thanks for your recent check covering dues and contribution. We are delighted that you want to help us stay alive. We were most encouraged by the action of the recent Board meeting. The fact was so clearly brought out that it's going to take support from all our friends throughout the South. We are glad to count you among them.

I am sending under separate cover the material you requested. Let us know what else would be useful. You also might be interested in a well-done piece from the Herald Trib recently written. It has enabled us to do alot of blowing of our own horn. I'll enclose it. More are also available.

Thanks again, and best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

May 2, 1950

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell, N. E.
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Miss Maxwell:

Please accept my apologies for being so long in sending you this material. Since the Board meeting, the follow-up activity has kept us all busy.

Enclosed are some of our publications which, I think, pretty well define the Council's position. It is true, as you know, that the Council has not gone in much for sensational statements and advanced "stands" on principle. The staff in Atlanta has always been conscious of the fact that it represents an organization of people of both races who are trying to get improvement in practical situations in their communities. It might be observed that the Council's position on most issues is about the same as that of Negro leaders who are working at local problems throughout the South.

As for the direction in which the Council's work is headed, the record speaks for itself. The accomplishments of the past six years are well summarized in the reprint of the New York Herald Tribune story.

Certainly no organization in the South has done more to get the Southern people to understand what civil rights are all about. At the height of the controversy, in February, 1948, the Council sponsored a Southwide Meeting on Civil Rights at which members of both races considered the President's Report and came out with a forthright platform. That was succeeded by follow-up meetings in many communities. The Council also reprinted and distributed thousands of copies of the President's Report, as well as publishing "The Condition of Our Rights" to illustrate specific violations of civil rights common in the South.

The Council has long been on record in favor of federal civil rights legislation, and has consistently showed the need for it in its publications. Officers of the Council have on several occasions testified before Congressional committees in favor of civil rights measures.

Important, too, I believe, is the fact that the Council's own operations have provided a model in the South of people working together without any racial distinctions. There is no vestige of segregation within the organization -- and no desire for any. The officers, board of directors, executive committee, and full-time staff, as well as the membership, all demonstrate that prejudice is a primitive and unnecessary human trait. Every effort has been made to extend this practice wherever possible. The Kentucky Division of the Council played a leading part in getting the state law amended to open to Negroes segregated educational institutions. Others of our local groups have been instrumental in getting Negroes appointed to public bodies, and in getting private associations to open their membership to all qualified persons, of whatever race.

I hope all this will be of some help to you. If I can supply more, in the way of material or information, don't hesitate to let me know.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

encs.

May 3, 1950

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

The place is "the Chapel," whatever or wherever that is. I assume it is the chapel of the University of Georgia.

Time is 2:30.

So glad you are coming.

Sincerely,

May 3, 1950

Miss Anne Queen, Assistant Chaplain
Department of Religion
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Anne:

How very nice to find your kind letter when I got back to Atlanta. And $5.00 we think is a lot of money. Thank you a lot for it.

When the Board met April 22, they undertook to raise by June 1, $15,500, which is considerably short of enough to see us through the year, but still enough to make us feel fairly safe.

We have set an important meeting of the Finance Committee for the afternoon of May 9, and I could hardly get over to Athens in time to do you any good. Try me again, and I will get there for some later date. I suppose, though, now that means next Fall.

I do hope I will see you when I am in Athens this Friday. They said 2:30 at the Chapel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

May 3, 1950

Mr. Reginald Mitchell
Chairman, Conclave Committee
Cosmopolitan Club
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I will be at the Chapel a little before 2:30 Friday. I think I can stay all right to see The River (which my part of the Government did). I greatly appreciate the invitation to be there for the dinner, but I will have to come on back before it.

I am not sure I can bring Mrs. Mitchell, but I will try.

I have a friend from Aiken, South Carolina, who will meet me at the meeting. His name is George McMillan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 3, 1950

The Reverend Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

The following members of the Mississippi Division are to be dropped for delinquent dues:

Mrs. Neil Callahan
Aeolian Apts.
Vicksburg, Miss.

Miss Marilynne Hill
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Miss.

Mr. I. S. Sanders
715 Rose St.
Jackson 17, Miss.

Mr. R. L. T. Smith
1621 Morehouse St.
Jackson 36, Miss.

Mr. W. H. Williams
Box 1459
Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Stanley Wilson
2212 - 15th Street
Meridan, Miss.

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you, before pulling their cards and stencils, to inquire whether you can suggest any method for persuading them to pay. All owe for March 1948-1951 a total of $8.00.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carole Ann Curry
Membership Clerk

CC:hs

May 3, 1950

Dean H. B. Trimble
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dean Trimble:

At the request of Mr. John Griffin, we are sending you ten membership blanks.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

May 3, 1950

Dr. Rufus Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Here is the report of the one hundred dollar letter campaign which we promised to send you. We can state that it was very successful. Those persons indicating a desire to contribute in the future will be written. I will remind Bishop James Taylor of his pledge if he has not written within the next week or so.

We do appreciate your cooperation. It was a pleasure to see you at the recent Board meeting. The report of this campaign was presented in the afternoon session.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
enclosure

May 3, 1950

Mr. John Kelley
Apt. 210C
Flavet III
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of May 1. I hasten to get off to you a bundle of leaflets about the Council.

The Council has no formal relationship with the Presbyterian Church, but the Committee on Women's Work of the (Southern) Presbyterian Church gives us $25 a year, and they and quite a good many people in the church are our friends. Dr. J. McDowell Richards, of the Columbia Theological Seminary, was one of our founders.

I do wish that a good number of the people interested in your group would become members of the Council. We have a number at Gainesville and would like to get enough to set up a chapter which would be really active. Dr. Mead, in the School of Education, is a good friend of ours, as well as the head of the Spanish Department and various others.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 4, 1950

Mr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

The lead article in the May, 1950, issue of **Light** is a honey. If you will be kind enough to send us twenty copies, I will mail them out to the principal officials of our state organizations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mr. Robert Weaver
Byrd File

May 4, 1950

Mr. Samuel Parke
The Greenwood Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Parke:

I had an opportunity lately to talk with Mr. Michael Straight on a trip he made to Atlanta. As a consequence of the meeting with him, I make bold to request aid to the Southern Regional Council from the Greenwood Foundation.

The Council is a long-established organization working in the field of interracial cooperation and general development in the Southern States. I enclose a recent article from the New York Herald-Tribune which gives a clear picture of the work we do.

Notwithstanding our most earnest efforts to raise money mainly in the South to keep the organization at work, we are still some $8,000 short of enough to get through till the end of this year. I would like to interest the Greenwood Foundation in finding $1,000 for the Council.

I shall be grateful for your kindness in writing me of steps I should take.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 4, 1950

Miss Annie B. Gillam
1023 Arch Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Gillam:

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you in the organization of the new Arkansas Division and welcome you to membership in the Southern Regional Council, as well.

You probably know that one-half of all dues payments is returned to State Divisions for local use. I am enclosing the statement of dues returns for March, 1950, along with a check for forty dollars to cover your share of dues. With this comes our hopes that you will enjoy much success and benefits from your affiliation with us.

We are preparing for you here a set of Arkansas membership cards which will duplicate our master set, and which will show when each individual became a member, what dues he has paid, and when, etc. When new members join, we will send you a covering card, running these off on our addressograph as soon as we can get stencils made. These cards are your permanent record and should be passed from old officers to new as your Division selects its officers.

If, when you receive your copy of the dues-payment report, you will enter the payments shown on the appropriate card, you will then have an up-to-date record of each member and of his status. Your State Division chairman will also receive a set of membership cards and a carbon copy of the statement of dues return.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

May 4, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
444 East 20th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I learned that the Greenwood Foundation is the John Hay Whitney Foundation in another guise -- or at any rate that the two are so inter-related that they amount in practice to the same. Nevertheless, it does have a nominal independence, presided over by Mr. Samuel Parke, 630 Fifth Avenue, where there is an entity known as the Greenwood Foundation.

I have asked them for a thousand.

I have written to Mr. Cox for news about the meeting with Redmond.

I made no immediate headway with the American Jewish Committee, though they offered to be really helpful in our building increased membership. Maybe some of their own people can do a better job. We will try.

I did send five copies of the Herald-Tribune story to Ralph Rose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

General Education Board
Fund Raising - General

May 4, 1950

MEMORANDUM

On a courtesy call to the General Education Board, GSM interviewed Mr. G. D. Eller and Mxxxx Mr. J. Harris Purks.

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May 4, 1950

Reverend H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Reverend Schaeffer:

We are sending under separate cover some leaflets describing the Council. We are in the process of having other promotional material printed.

Sorry we are sending such a small number now. We will try to send more later.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 4, 1950

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
48 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

I have been meaning for some time to write you in praise of the printing job and the success of The Changing South in Print: you remember the little yellow leaflet with the cuts of our pamphlets.

We have gotten nearly all of them out now. It has long since paid for the printing cost and brings us now ten or fifteen dollars of gravy a week. I am truly grateful for the brains and care that you and your staff put into getting it out.

We had an emergency meeting of the Board on Saturday, April 22. The various states pledged somewhere around $12,000, and other good-sized sums that Paul Williams turned up brought a prospective total of $15,500, which should be in hand by June 1. That left only $8,000 more to go to carry us through the year debt-free, and I suppose we can get that. Guy Johnson, on behalf of North Carolina, undertook to find about $2,000 in that good state.

The Board asked the Executive Committee to meet again in early June and decide what should be done after June 15. If the pledges have come in, I am satisfied that the show will keep going. And the whole spirit of the Board meeting was that it had to be an even better show in future.

We are very proud of this grand story from the Herald-Tribune.

Gordon Lovejoy (ex-UNC and now University of Miami Professor of Human Relations) has put us in touch with Harry Straus, and Dr. Odum is planning an approach there for us, too. I know Mr. Straus (whom I met briefly) knows about us. If you have any natural opportunity to help our cause with him, I would be grateful. I rather expect to be coming up that way to see him when he gets back from California shortly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

May 4, 1950

Dear Mr. Byrd:

It occured to us that your files might be advantaged by several copies of this good article on the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.

May 5, 1950

SRC MEMBERSHIP LOSS SINCE NOVEMBER 9, 1950

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Mrs. Belzora Ward*
Birmingham

Arkansas Division

Rt. Rev. Bland Mitchell**
Little Rock

Mrs. William H. Williams****
Little Rock

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Pensacola

Mrs. M. R. Adair*
West Palm Beach

Mr. Elliott Adams*
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Mrs. Edith L. Alsup***
Tallahassee

Mr. Fred W. Alsup***
Tallahassee

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Tallahassee

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Miss Pearl O. Johnson***
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Bristol

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Nashville

The Rev. Geo. B. Myers*
Sewanee

Paid

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Avenue, N.E. - WA 7963

May 5, 1950

Day Letter

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Executive Committee meeting SRC set for Saturday June 10, 10 A.M.

here. Can you come?

George S. Mitchell

Day Letter - Prepaid

Paid

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Abenue, N.E. WA 7963

May 5, 1950

Day Letter

Mr. Gordon Hancock
Department of Economics
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Executive Committee SRC meets Saturday June 10, 10 A.M. Hope you can come.

George S. Mitchell

May 5, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley, Publisher
Houston Informer
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Here are the minutes of the specially called and quite good Board meeting April 22.

We are sensible of your steady help. I think if we pull through all right in the next few weeks, we will get on our feet. Our next effort will be a campaign to increase greatly the number of ten-dollar memberships. That would put under us the stable base we need, and then we wouldn't have to keep asking Board members to find large lump sums.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Here are the minutes of the call meeting of the Board April 22. Our efforts promise to be successful, and they ought to pull us through this year anyway.

The next push, I think, will be to increase greatly the number of ten-dollar memberships. That would put a stable base under the show.

Stay with us!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Here are the minutes of the extraordinary and quite good board meeting April 22.

We are deeply grateful for your kind contribution. Please tell us, when you can, the results of the letter you were sending out to friends.

If we can pull the Council through this time, I think we will be all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. C. H. Gillman
75 Ivy Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

Here are the minutes of the Board meeting April 22.

Johnny Griffin told me you were going to try to raise some from individuals and locals. Please do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

Here are the minutes of the extraordinary and quite good Board meeting on April 22.

We are deeply grateful for the kind help you have given us already.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's Absence

May 5, 1950

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

Here are the minutes of the Board meeting. We have written the other members with some urging, but as to we merely extend our deep thanks for all you have done already.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

AIR MAIL

May 5, 1950

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Thank you for your wire. I will be in at 7:20 A.M., N C & St L, Thursday, May 11. Write me when and where you want me.

I suppose I ought to take a sleeper down to Atlanta that night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. John A. Griffin
1426 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear John:

We have set Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M. for the early June meeting of the SRC Executive Committee, here at 63 Auburn Avenue.

It would be an excellent thing if you could be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Glenn Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Glenn:

We have set Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M. for the early June meeting of the SRC Executive Committee, here at 63 Auburn Avenue.

It would be an excellent thing if you could be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

We have set Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M., for the meeting of the Executive Committee here at 63 Auburn Avenue.

We greatly hope that will be a workable date for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mrs. Helen Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Helen:

You may remember helping us out about a year ago in the matter of getting the title "New South" trade-marked. You were good enough to get a letter from Clarke Salmon, Jr., of Bauerlein Advertising, waiving any objection on the part of the magazine South.

The wheels of government grind slowly, so now, a year later, we receive the enclosed letter from the Commissioner of Patents. As you will see, it says that our Trade-Mark is being held up on a technicality. What is needed, as I interpret it, is an affidavit from Mr. Salmon stating that Bauerlein Advertising is the owner of Registration No. 419,323 for the magazine South.

Perhaps we should have written Mr. Salmon direct, without bothering you about it. But, since it is a trifle involved, we thought our chances of getting what is needed would be better if you would give it a push locally. We will be most grateful for this favor, added to all the rest.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

May 5, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Here is the latest report on the $100.00 campaign letter which was signed by yourself, Mr. Williams, and Dr. Clement. It is an impressive total and we still may be able to bring it up.

I am writing Dr. Clement and Mr. Williams the results also. I will write Bishop Taylor a reminder of his pledge.

Our many thanks for your cooperation. We are looking forward to seeing you at the coming Executive Committee meeting June 10.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here's the latest report on the $100.00 letter campaign which was signed by yourself, Dr. Hancock, and Dr. Clement. That's a rather nice total and we may still do a little more with it.

Within the next week or so I will again write these people who want to give, or who said they wanted to give more. Frequently people ask about sums contributed by Negroes. This campaign speaks well for itself.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Executive Committee meeting on June 10.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mr. Harry Mercer
1629 Berkley Circle
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Thank you for your recent check sent to us by Miss Josephine Hamilton. We are most grateful for your interest and support.

It is encouraging to have support from people in the South who will most benefit from our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Right Reverend Monsignor T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

We are in receipt of your generous contribution to the Council, and we are most grateful for it. I will take this opportunity to exchange checks with you. Enclosed you will find a check to cover your travel to the last two meetings.

Your contribution will be credited to the Georgia state effort. I am wondering if you would like to have it listed as your personal contribution or that of the Catholic Committee of the South.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting of the Executive Committee which has been set for June 10 at 10:00 a.m. Due to our reduced staff we have not yet been able to complete the mimeographing of the minutes of the last Board meeting. However, we should be able to get a copy to you very soon next week.

Our thanks for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mrs. Marshal Young
2725 Oak Lawn
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Young:

Miss Dorothy Carter of Dallas has suggested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council. We are sending this under separate cover, and would be very happy to have you join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Miss Nancy Dawes
5622 Vickery Boulevard
Dallas, Texas

Dear Miss Dawes:

Miss Dorothy Carter of Dallas has suggested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council. We are sending this under separate cover, and would be very happy to have you join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mrs. Pling del Valle
6719 Brompton Road
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. del Valle:

Miss Dorothy Carter of Dallas has suggested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council. We are sending this under separate cover, and would be very happy to have you join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mrs. R. T. Norris, District Treasurer
1526 Hilton Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Norris:

Thank you for your recent check for $3.00 for a membership for Mrs. R. L. Brexton, Dimon Court, Columbus, Georgia.

This membership has been entered on our records.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

Many thanks for your recent check from the United Mine Workers, District No. 20. It has been acknowledged and credited to the Alabama state effort.

We were distressed by the recent activities of Mr. Comer, but needless to say, retaining his generous check. His name has been taken off the new stationary recently ordered by your Division. This was done at his own request.

Sorry you missed the afternoon session of the Board meeting. That was unfortunate. We did have someone to answer the telephone, which you couldn't have known. A phone call from you would have brought someone to open the downstairs door. However, it was a pleasure to see you and I hope that you will be able to attend all future Board meetings, without mishap.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Secretary
United Mine Workers of America
District Number 20
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council sent to us by Dr. A. D. Beittel. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

Please extend our thanks and express our appreciation to the members ofyour local.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mr. Clarence Walker
729 Avenue Fourteen E
Gary Indiana

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your recent check for one dollar to cover a subscription to our publication, New South.

In November, 1949, we were forced to raise the rate of subscription to $1.50. We would appreciate your remittance of the remaining amount.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Mr. John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ewbank:

Our congratulations to your new Arkansas Division. We are delighted with this affiliation. It now gives us a state division or affiliated group in every Southern state except Oklahoma. Let us hope that all together we can speed up the progress of the South.

You probably know that one-half of all dues payments is returned to state division for local use. I am enclosing the statement of dues returns for March, 1950. Yesterday, I send the statement along with a check to Miss Annie B. Gillam, your secretary. This is the procedure we try to follow each month, if possible, so that the state divisions may someday be on a sound financial basis. The chairman of the state division and its secretary will receive the statement of dues returns, and the secretary, or the treasurer, if there is one will receive the check.

We are preparing for you here a set of Arkansas membership cards which will duplicate our master set, and which will show when each individual became a member, what dues he has paid, and when, etc. When new members join, we will send you a covering card, running these off on our addressograph as soon as we can get stencils made. These cards are your permanent record and should be passed from old officers to new as your Division selects its officers.

If, when you receive your copy of the dues-payment report, you will enter the payments shown on the appropriate card, you will then have an up-to-date record of each member and of his status.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:Jwh

May 5, 1950

Mr. William Ellyson, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Miller & Rhoads, Inc.
Richmond 17, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellyson:

Our sincere thanks for your generous contribution to the Council. We do appreciate your interest in our program.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefiting by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Dr. Raymond R. Paty, Executive Director
The Rich Foundation
Rich's Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Paty:

Our sincere thanks for your generous contribution to the Council. We do appreciate your interest in our program.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefiting by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 5, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

This will confirm our telephone conversation setting Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M., here at 63 Auburn Avenue as time and place for the Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George Mitchell

In conversation with Guy Johnson, the matter of income tax about expense accounts for the last Board meeting came up.

I told Guy to make out his account and send it to us with a letter saying he contributed it. So you don't have to write to him.

As to one or two of his earlier expense accounts, I am satisfied he intends to contribute them also, but I told him we would issue a check or checks to him. So as to those, when you can, pay him and take a chance on getting them back.

GSM

X

Paid

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Ave., N.E. - WA 7963

May 5, 1950

Day Letter

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

SRC Executive Committee meeting set Atlanta June 10, 10 A.M. Greatly need you.

George S. Mitchell

DAY Letter- Prepaid

May 5, 1950

Mr. Rufus Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We have set Saturday, June 10, for the meeting of the Executive Committee. I do hope that will be a feasible date with you. Ten o'clock, 63 Auburn Avenue.

We deeply appreciate your generous use of time on the Council's matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

May 5, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Apparently Charles Johnson can come to the Executive Committee meeting Saturday, June 10, and it seems suitable to many of the others. So we have set th t date, 10 A.M., 63 Auburn Avenue.

I do hope you can come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

We have set Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M., 63 Auburn Avenue, for the early June meeting of the Executive Committee. I do hope that will be workable to you.

We are deeply grateful for your check, which came in today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Dict. by GSM; signed in his absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Charles H. Gillman
75 Ivy Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

Executive Committee meeting, SRC, Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M., 63 Auburn Avenue.

You are off to such a good start in 1950 with coming to the Board meeting that we earnestly expect you for this important committee meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Signed inDr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carlina

Dear Marion:

Hasty note about the Executive Committee. Has been called together for Saturday, June 10, 10 A.M., 63 Auburn Avenue.

We greatly hope you can come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 5, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

This confirms my pleasant conversation this morning with Mrs. Williams setting Saturday, June 10, as the date for the Executive Committee meeting here in Atlanta, 63 Auburn Avenue.

My apologies for getting so far toward setting it without first conferring with you. Nevertheless, I hope luck will be on my side in finding that day available for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

X

Pd.

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E. - WA. 7963

May 5, 1950

Day Letter

Mr. Harold Trigg
President, St. Augustine College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Confirming Executive Committee meeting set here June 10, 10 A.M.

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George S. Mitchell

DAY LETTER - PAID

X

Paid

Southern Regi nal Council, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E. - WA 7963

May 5, 1950

Day Letter

Mr. Carter Wesley
Houston Informer
Houston, Texas

Executive Committee meeting SRC set for Saturday June 10, 10 A.M. here.

George S. Mitchell

Day Letter - Paid

May 8, 1950

Miss Thelma Stevens
Room 604
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

We are delighted with this good story about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Channing Tobias
The Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

We are delighted about this fine story in the Herald-Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. David Silberman
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I know you will enjoy with us this excellent story about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

I know you will rejoice with us in this fine story from the Herald-Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Harry Straus
Pisgah Forest
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Straus:

I know you will rejoice with us in this fine story about the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Dept. of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Paul Williams and I have both been sensible of your two letters as to what the Council ought to do.

Actually, when the Board met, they found that they themselves and the Divisions in the various states could conservatively undertake to raise by June 1, around $11,000, and some largish gifts brought the total pledge to $15,500. That's enough to see us through till the end of the year except for $8,000 still lacking, and we reasonably hope to turn up some good big gifts to cover almost the balance. So by one means or another we think we will get through till the end of the year.

The chief device put forward to raise funds in the future is to get several thousand sustaining members who will undertake to give $10 a year for five years. A Finance Council is working on that scheme.

All this you will see from the minutes, which have already gone forward.

We are grateful for your good letters. Perhaps the future will close in on us, but with a pulse or two more of firm endeavor we think the Council can be pulled through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Here is a nice story from the Herald-Tribune which bucked us up a good deal.

GSM:er/Encl

May 8, 1950

Mr. Rufus Green
League of Coloured Peoples
Bulawayo
Southern Rhodesia, Africa

Dear Rufus:

Isn't this a fancy story about our Council?

We are all still enjoying your visit and think and speak often of you. Very nice to have your letter.

We wish you all sorts of luck.

I will be happy to be a sort of American correspondent for you and get you things and do things for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Lord Lindsay of Berker
The New University
Stoke on Trent
England

Dear Master:

Here is a very nice account indeed of what our Southern Regional Council tries to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Lady Mary Murray
Yatscombe
Boars Hill
Oxford, England

Dear Lady Mary:

You will appreciate this beautiful account about what our Southern Regional Council tries to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

I know you will rejoice with us in this fine story on the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Sir Francis Wylie
Boars Hill
Oxford, England

Dear Sir Francis and Lady Wylie:

Here is a fine account of what our Southern Regional Council tries to do.

With the warmest regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mrs. Tucker Carrington
Way out behind West Hampton College
RFD
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Florence:

Here is a very nice printed statement of what my Southern Regional Council is about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Hollis F. Price, President
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Price:

Here is a grand story in print about our Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Miss Margaret McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

See what a nice thing the

Herald-Tribune wrote about us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Dr. F. W. Boatwright
University of Richmond
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Boatwright:

Here is a delightful account from the Herald-Tribune of our Southern Regional Council.

My warmest regards to you and Evelyn and the children.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Miss Ruth Hawes
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Ruth:

Hi. Isn't this a nice story from the

Herald-Tribune?

Everybody is all right.

Love to you and Julia,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Miss Mary Armstrong
250 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mary:

Don't we look pretty in print?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Morris R. Mitchell
Putney School
Putney, Vermont

Dear Morris:

Here is a grand story about the Council.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

Encls.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Horace Taylor
Hamilton Hall
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Horace:

This is a sort of accolade from the

Herald-Tribune of which my Council is very proud.

Best to you and Louise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Jacob Potofsky
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

My Southern Regional Council wants to interest the Sidney Hillman Foundation in helping it.

I will get in touch with you later on about that, but meanwhile here is this good account of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

G.M:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt College
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Frank:

They really spread themselves on this one, didn't they?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encls.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

It occurred to me that you might perhaps wish Cardinal Spellman and Cardinal Stritch to have copies of this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encls.: 5

May 8, 1950

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2100 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

We are delighted with this fine account of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Terry Mitchell
Church Street
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Dear Anne and Terry:

Doesn't the SRC look nice in print?

Love,

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Roy E. Stryker
Standard Oil Company of New York
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

Isn't this a grand story?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Ernest Morgan
State Docks Board
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Ernest:

I read about you and was very happy.

Here is a chance to read about us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mrs. Mary Bell McDonald
1107 James Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mary Bell:

Here is some very nice print about our Council.

My best to my cousin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear The Childses:

Here is a fine story about the Council from the Herald-Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Crittenden
Caswell Drive
Hayes Barton
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet and Chris:

Don't we look nice in print?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I met Sinclair Jacobs the other day, and he urged such a letter as this to most of those who were present at the luncheon. Here is the list of contributors so far.

Can you make me a list of those to whom the letter should go? And if you think the letter shouldn't go, and if you think something else should go, please say so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

(Letter to certain persons associated with the Abram-Haas effort)

Dear Mr. _____:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

As a consequence of that gathering, the Southern Regi nal Council has received already the gratifying sum of $1520. Your generous aid, and that of your friends, gave us new strength at a time when it was hard to see the way through our budget problems. The Executive Committee on March 31 planned the more hopefully for future sums, and the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, on April 22, found or pledged additional sums, almost entirely from the various Southern States, amounting to $15,500. That leaves the Council only $8,000 short of enough to see it through the year, free of any indebtedness, and we think we can find much of that from large gifts. So we begin to feel assured of keeping the Council at work.

We are deeply grateful for the moving and speedy generosity of your group, and we wish to continue to be worthy of your friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Norma Huff

May 8, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Many thanks for your letter of May 3 with its cheery news that you have raised so much. Other people are doing well, and I think we will get all that was pledged.

I have had only a glimpse of Mrs. Tilly and can't write you at length about the matter for some days, but she intends to be in correspondence with her various friends in Louisiana. I think it shapes up to having some people present at a meeting of the New Orleans Committee who will have come from elsewhere in the state. It might or might not be best at that time to set up a Division, but it might be considerably furthered.

We are proud of the new Arkansas Division and would greatly like to have one for Louisiana.

Mrs. Huff will write you about the membership matter.

When you send up the checks, tell me whether you had rather have us thank for them. If you would rather, we will be glad to do it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 8, 1950

Mr. Robert Arrington
Windy Hill
Ramer, Alabama

Dear Mr. Arrington:

Ed Foster has told me that you are a good egg, and he has praised the SRC to you.

Here is a good story from a recent issue of the Herald-Tribune about the Council.

I am to be in your part of the world this coming week end (for a commencement address at Tuskegee) and I will do my best to find you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 8, 1950

Miss Bernice Lippit
Department of Social Relations
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Miss Lippit:

You have been referred to us by Margaret Boyd as being interested in a position with the Council.

We do have a position available as secretary and assistant to Mrs. M. E. Tilly. Margaret has explained that you are familiar with her work. It would be an interesting job and one which requires a great deal of initiative. It would be most helpful to know shorthand, but you could get along with the new speed writing which takes just several weeks to learn.

I understand that you are coming to Georgia soon after you finish at Columbia. Drop us a line if you are interested and we will furnish more details. At any rate, come in the office for a visit.

The position must be filled soon, so we will look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 8, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Our thanks to you for a wonderful job. Congratulations on that persuasive fund raising letter. We shall refer to it often.

I am enclosing the original list of donors. We will write them just as soon as possible and include some Council information.

Sorry we are completely out of "What Kind of South Do you Want?". We will send you and Harold Cole some Herald Trib reprints and "Questions and Answers." We're having some new material printed.

You have our best wishes and admiration - and hope that the cotton hasn't gone to grass while the lettuce was cut and SRC fund raising effort launched.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 8, 1950

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Dept. of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Here is a nice story from the Herald-Tribune which bucked us up a good deal.

GSM:er/Encl.

May 8, 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley, Executive Director
Community Council of Greenville County
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Harold:

All the material arrived safe and sound this morning, and we are just about set to go. The picture is very good and should make a wonderful cover.

There is just one additional bit of information we need -- the number of white dentists in the county. We can go ahead and have the Health section set, and put the number in when we get the proofs, so the delay in receiving this item won't hold up the printing.

We enjoyed seeing you both last week. Let us know when you get down this way again, and we'll see if we can't drum up some more gaiety. Best from both Harold and me to you and Frank.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 9, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Here is your statement of dues return for March and April with a check which includes the dues for both months. You have certainly done a good job in building your Committee.

I am most happy to clear up the membership of Harry Spiro. We do have a membership of $3.00 for the New Orleans Committee which has been unaccounted for. It was entered in January and I feel sure it must be Mr. Spiro's. I can't give an explanation as to how this happened, but if you will send me his address, I will write him.

Thanks to you for your last letter and the good news. Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Collect

TELEGRAM - COLLECT

9:45 A.M. May 9, 1950

Charles T. Steele
Urban League
418 South 5th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Very difficult to stay for Friday. Will be your office Thursday

10 A.M.

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council

May 9, 1950

Miss Elisabeth S. Peck, Chairman
Dept. of History & Political Science
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Peck:

Thank you for your letter of May 2.

Our leaflet The Changing South in Print lists our main things. These are all in print. In addition, we have Race in the News, copy herewith. It has done a lot of good and I should think would be a good one or two day text.

Do you use Vance's Human Geography of the South? Nothing is more fruitful than for a class to put together the regional geography of the South. That lays a foundation for everything else.

Here is an outline we prepared for courses arranged for Georgia Baptist ministers in local communities. They haven't yet used it, but will, I think, this year.

I don't know of any good inclusive book. Everybody else who arranges such a course puts it together out of fugitive literature.

Have you seen V. O. Key's book on politics in the South? Surely it would be worth a couple of weeks.

An interesting new book is Plain Folks of the Old South, by Frank Lawrence Owsley. I think he pushes his thesis too far, but it is a good corrective.

Let us help you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encls.

May 9, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I was to write you about matters of segregation.

Here is a copy of a letter Fleming wrote to Cassandra Maxwell the other day and various leaflets that may be helpful. Her purpose is evidently the same as yours; I enclose a copy of her reply.

A good speech by Paul Williams a number of years ago is entirely out of print, but here is the key paragraph from it. It was delivered at the Board meeting in November 1947.

> The question of segregation as such has long since been answered by the SRC. It has been answered not only by words, but, more important, by deeds. We have only to examine the personnel of our Board of Directors, our officers, our membership, our paid executive staff, and the manner of conducting our annual meetings and executive sessions, to see that the SRC is composed of Southerners without any further classification. The question before us now is not whether or not segregation is right or wrong, which is like saying whether or not we are against sin. Our big task is to convince other Southerners and other Southern organizations that the way of life followed by the SRC is right and proper.

On higher education, I made a talk to the American Association of University Professors at their Southeastern Area meeting in Knoxville on April 7. The last paragraph was picked up in the press. It ran about as follows:

"It is to be hoped that the South will not long look with favor upon a situation in which institutions having the honorable name of Universities refuse their services solely on grounds of race to any qualified persons seeking learning."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Paid

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Ave., N.E. - Wa. 7963

TELEGRAM

11:30 A.M. - May 9, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Shall be Louisville tomorrow care Urban League 10 A.M., care

Parrish P.M.

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council

TELEGRAM - PREPAID

CCL Mrs. Vinson

May 9, 1950

Mrs. Julia Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

Two Negro ladies in Richmond, we are told, could if they cared to, contribute substantially to the Southern Regional Council. Their possible contributions would be on the order of $500 each.

They are Miss Martha Crump, 805 North First, and Miss Sarah E. Brown, 1004 North Fourth Street.

I have wondered whether circumstances were such that you could approach them on our behalf?

In any case, can you advise me?

Affectionately,

GSM:er

Encls.:3

May 9, 1950

Mr. J. M..Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Among the special prospects, cards for whom were left us by Mr. Byrd, is one for Mr. Russell Sweeney, Resident Manager, Churchill Downs. The card is annotated, "Should be seen just after the races."

This is the psychological moment, and you are elected. Why not double that Kentucky thousand by a visit to Mr. Sweeney?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encls.

May 9, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am sure you will be interested in this beautiful account of the Council in a recent issue of the New York Herald-Tribune.

We are most anxious to have some help from the Friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

May 9, 1950

Mrs. Richard G. Gettell
270 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Gettell:

When I was in New York a week ago I telephoned a time or two and stopped by the Marguery, only to find no one there. I guessed that you had flitted, with the elevator strike as something to flit from.

I do hope you will continue to be interested in the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 9, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
Community Relations Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am very grateful indeed for the opportunity to getwwith your people for an excellent luncheon and for our plans together.

I am confident we can help each other, and I will get to work on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 9, 1950

Mr. Herman Ebeling
Religious Affairs Panel
Natl. Conference of Christians & Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Ebeling:

We would be delighted to help in any way we can with those of the German grantees whom you are assisting.

I am mailing you a selection of the Council's published things and a stack of the small leaflets which give a quick resume of what we are.

Our office here in Atlanta has been much used as a stopping place for people who want to learn quickly about the South. I had a few months in Germany several years ago and am deeply fond of the German people. So any who comes by here will be cordially received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 9, 1950

Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa
Bethune Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

Here is a nice article from the Monday, May 1, issue of the New York Herald Tribune. I send you two copies, thinking you may want one to use elsewhere.

I wish I could help you about a job, but I don't know how to. I haven't any connections northwards. If you go to and through Washington, you ought to stop and see Mrs. Ruth C. Sloan at the State Department. In New York, it would be worth your while to call at the offices of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, 101 Park Avenue, and get advice either from the head man, Mr. Channing Tobias, or from someone in the office. They haven't any money to help you with, but they can give you advice and connections.

I hear rumblings that someone is forming an office in this country to do services of all kinds for the African students. I do hope that goes through.

If you come to Atlanta, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 9, 1950

Mr. Earl S. Johnson
The Division of the Social Sciences
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The following are among the things that could be arranged:

An hour's conference with the Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League and her staff on the Negro community in Atlanta.

A visit to Atlanta University with perhaps a small reception or tea party thrown in.

A meeting for an hour or so in the offices of the Southern Regional Council to talk about geography and history and problems in the whole South.

A visit to a farm within twenty or thirty miles purchased by a tenant with the proceeds of a government loan -- visit possible through aid of the Farm Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture (though the place where it would be easiest for you to do this would be in the Tennessee Valley area).

Tour of good housing and bad housing in Atlanta.

A visit to some large industrial plant.

Possibly attendance at a local union meeting, preferably one containing both Negro and white members.

We would be happy to serve you in any way we could on arranging such of these items as might seem of interest. Let us know ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

MEMO May 10, 1950

TO: Staff

FROM: NH

RE: Vacation

Let me know your plans sometime soon. You are entitled to one day a month, or accrued twelve days a year with salary. Needless to say, any one choosing time before June 10 will have his or her head chopped off.

MEMORANDUM

May 10, 1950

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George Mitchell

Dear Norma,

Amongst all else you have to do, could you get out a letter to those who might be called the head pledgers from all pledging states, giving a report as of May 10, or May 11, or May 12, on the amounts pledged and amounts paid in?

The key people would be Schaeffer, Tydings, Mynders, Paul Williams, Guy Johnson, Dabbs (copy to Marion Wright), Glenn Rainey, Rufus Clement, John Griffin, Beittel, Mrs. Crate, and Mrs. Cohn.

If it can honestly be said that Tennessee has met its pledge, that might be said in each of the letters.

GSM

May 10, 1950

Mr. Glenn Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Glenn:

Here are rough drafts of a letter and enclosure. They need more punch, which you can supply. I have sent copies to John and Mr. Clement.

What would you think of sending out with the letter the Herald-Tribune story?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. We would also enclose return addressed, but unstamped, envelope, per enclosure.

GSM:er
Encls.

Copy to John Griffin

May 10, 1950

Mr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Glenn Rainey and John Griffin came in yesterday for a meeting of the Finance Committee. We had hoped to get you, but understood that you couldn't be here. Josephine tried, but couldn't make it. Mr . Hamilton came.

Several things were agreed on:

1. Of Georgia's pledge of $2,350, a little under $700 has been paid in. More is to come, but, to be sure, they thought some such communication as the enclosed should go out. If you will suggest improvements, they will be sent on to Glenn for the final draft.

2. The long pull will be called "50 for '51." It will be an effort to get, in each Southern state, 50 people who will be responsible either for $100 to be paid in in 1951, or for ten new sustaining $10 memberships to start in '51.

3. A special leaflet will be prepared on the $50 for '51" campaign.

4. A new promotion leaflet, longer than #3 above, will be prepared.

5. Dummies of the above leaflets will be ready for the June meeting of the Executive Committee.

I hope these plans will have your approval.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

DRAFT - of proposed letter to all Georgia SRC members.

Dear Friend,

Georgia Board members of the Council have promised to raise $2,350 by June 1. The enclosed sheet tells why, and why we need your help. Please send us what you can.

Sincerely,

Glenn Rainey, Chairman

Rufus E. Clement

John Griffin
Finance Committee, Board of Directors, SRC

DRAFT - of mimeographed enclosure to go with letter from Finance Committee to all Georgia members of SRC.

The Georgia members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regi nal Council, at the special meeting of the Board on April 22, 1950, undertook to raise by June 1 for the Council, $2,350. This is part of a total sum of $15,500 pledged by the Council's friends in the various Southern states. The deadline for the whole sum is June 1. The amount pledged is enough to see the Council through this year and give time to work out permanent support for the Council. The plan on this is to get a great many new $10 memberships in 1951.

Of the amount pledged for Georgia, several hundred has been paid in and more is to come, but we are still far short of what was undertaken. We don't know how to get it except by asking the Council's members throughout Georgia to help. So if you can do so, please send in, either to one of us or direct to the Council's offices, 63 Auburn Avenue, whatever you can. You would help most by getting us new $10 sustaining memberships, but anything you can do will help us have by June 1 what was pledged.

Here is a fine account of the Council from a recent issue of the Herald Tribune.

May 10, 1950

Mr. Charles E. Trout
Director of Public Relations
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trout:

Thank you for your letter of May 9.

I am enclosing a copy of the draft of Dr. Mitchell's Commencement address and his biographical sketch from Who's Who.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

Encls.

May 10, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Mr. Richardson has very kindly offered to drive me over early Sunday morning, May 14. He says we will arrive by 8 A.M. He will be driving back Monday afternoon, with me along.

Here is my speech. A copy has been sent to Mr. Trout in Public Relations, who requested one.

If you get time to look through it, I will be happy to make whatever changes you may suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 10, 1950

Mr. M. D. Sprague, Librarian
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Thank you for your letter of the ninth.

I am enclosing the biographical material on Dr. Mitchell which you requested.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

Encl.

May 10, 1950

Mr. William B. Thalhimer, Jr., President
Thalhimer Brothers, Inc.
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thalhimer:

Our sincere thanks for your recent generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It was sent to us by Mr. Virginius Dabney.

We do appreciate your interest and support in a program which is so important to the South.

With the thought that you may be interested in a recent well-done article about the Council, I enclose it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Mr. Charles M. Puckette, General Manager
The Chattanooga Times
711 East Tenth Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Puckette:

We acknowledge with thanks the recent generous contribution of the Chattanooga Times sent by Mr. Alfred Mynders.

We are indeed grateful for your support in this program which is so important to the South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Mrs. Helen Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I sent off yesterday about 200 copies of the Herald Tribune story. We have fewer than we should have. I have no plan to send them out generally to the membership, but think it excellent if you get them out.

I also sent back copies on Negro police. The '47 one has the good stories and the '49 one the latest figures.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum drawn up a month ago with all the changes on which we had information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. 5/9/50. Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 10, 1950

Mr. Albert L. Hinton, Associate Editor
Journal and Guide
711-723 E. Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Va.

Dear Mr. Hinton:

You are quite right that the situation in Georgia offers little encouragement to people of liberal, or even decent, persuasion. As for the county unit suit, we have still not had any response to our request for a re-hearing before the U. S. Supreme Court. But, since the odds against that are astronomical in number, we are not getting our hopes up. We filed the appeal simply because it was the only other move open to us, and, as one of our lawyers put it, "There's no point in getting kicked without kicking back."

The Georgia round-up in the enclosed copy of New South for October gives the initial facts about the re-registration law. Since that was written, the legislature, at its January session, postponed the effective date of the law for two years. This was done because of adverse political reactions in the State. It was costing the counties money to set up the new machinery; in fact, many of them had not even bothered to do so. And I suspect that the Talmadge forces feared that not enough of their own supporters would get re-registered to assure their victory in June.

The case which the Supreme Court recently refused to hear was brought by a county commissioner of Richmond County who had refused to authorize payment of registration officials. His motivation was political and financial. To support his case, he argued that the law was unconstitutional since it was designed to disfranchise Negroes, vested undue power in the registrars, and so on. My understanding is that the case was not too well prepared; it was aimed at the law as a whole rather than at specific provisions of the law. The Georgia Supreme Court held that the State had a perfect right to pass such a law, that it was all right in principle, though the Court did not feel compelled to analyze and rule on the law part by part. If the

Talmadge regime is successful in the June 28 primary -- as appears all too likely -- few people doubt that the re-registration law will be put into effect in 1952. That will be consistent with Herman's campaign promise to have "as white a primary as possible." It is also consistent with the unstated premise of the demagogues that the smaller the electorate, the easier it is to control.

Any time we may be able to send along information that will be helpful, don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

May 10, 1950

Mr. G. W. Bidenbaugh
Horne Motors, Inc.
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bidenbaugh:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It was sent to us by Mr. Paul Webber, Jr. of Orangeburg.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefiting by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours. I enclose some material which will tell in more detail about the program of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Mr. Paul R. Webber, Jr.
State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Webber:

We are in receipt of eighty-nine dollars ($89.00) which you obtained recently for the Southern Regional Council. It was sent to us by Mr. J. M. Dabbs.

We are indeed grateful for your efforts on our behalf. It is most encouraging that you in South Carolina are such good friends. Southern people who are benefiting by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We do appreciate yours.

A list was enclosed by Mr. Dabbs. These people are being written and Council material enclosed with each letter so that they will learn more about our work.

Our best regards, and again, thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Dr. N. C. Newbold
Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Newbold:

Our many thanks for your nice check for $10.00 and our congratulation, too, for being the first sustaining member in the new "50 for 51" campaign.

The recently appointed Finance Committee has suggested this method for putting us on a sound basis. If fifty people in each state can get these $10.00 sustaining memberships or be responsible for $100 each, we will have a good underpinning. At least we have new hope.

All our good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Mr. Wilbur E. Apgar
Department of Social Studies
State Teachers College
Jersey City 5, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Apgar:

Thank you for your recent check for one dollar ($1.00) for a subscription to our publication, New South. This has been entered.

In November, 1949, we were forced to raise our subscription rate to $1.50 per year. We would appreciate your remittance of the balance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 10, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
RFD #1
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

We are gladdened by the news that the Presbyterian Board has appropriated $250 and is to consider an increase in the amount.

I have not heard from Mr. Tribus, the lawyer for the Church Board, about the Greenwood, Mississippi, case. It doesn't seem wise to me to be digging around in it without word from him. We will be happy to get our people busy to find the facts and make whatever use of them that in Tribus's judgment is suitable. Greenwood is close to Greenville, and I don't doubt that Hodding Carter could get all that was needed and see that it was used. Do you want to call Tribus and tell him we stand ready to help?

Here is the check for $41.25, which we are happy to pay.

We continue to do pretty well on small change, though nothing big as yet. Betty Vinson is in today poring over your materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dict. 5/9/50. Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 10, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Our many thanks for that wonderful check which arrived a few minutes ago. The total raised so far in Tennessee is $788. You in Tennessee have surely shown your faith in our work.

Will you acknowledge those contributions which were included in your check? If you would like me to do it, please send the names and addresses.

Again, thanks, and our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

The Right Reverend Girault M. Jones
609 International Building
611 Gravier Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Jones:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received dues from you since June 1947. Therefore, we are applying the $5.00 received as follows: June 1948-49, $2.00; June 1949-1950, $2.00 with a balance of $1.00 for this period. Your membership for the current year will become due June 1, 1950.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

The Reverend M. Rousseve, S.V.J.
Notre Dame Church
St. Martinsville, Louisiana

Dear Father Rousseve:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received your dues for the current year. For this reason we are applying $3.00 of the contribution to your dues for 1950.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Attached letter -- with variations -- sent to the following:

Dr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

The Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
9 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Miss Sadye Thompson
Little Rock Urban League
914 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. Stephen A. Stephan
Dept. of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Dept. of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dr. R. B. Atwood, President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Rev. Joseph H. Fichter, S. J.
Dept. of Sociology
Loyola University of the South
New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery St.
Jackson, Miss.

Dr. H. L. Trigg, President
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, N.C.

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Dept. of Sociology
Okla. A. and M. College
Stillwater, Okla.

Miss Adele Minahan
1630 College Street
Columbia, S.C.

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell St NE
Orangeburg, S. C.

Mr. Abbott L. Ferris
Box 1164
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 4, Tenn.

Mr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Dept of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 6, Texas

Mrs. A. C. Epps
Apt. 12, 2501 Grove Avenue
Richmond, Va.

May 10, 1950

Dr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

The Council is preparing for the June issue of NEW SOUTH a report on the policy and practices of State professional associations concerning Negro membership. Since we need local help in obtaining information which is not available here in Atlanta, we wonder if you would be good enough to help us with the information we need from your State.

Specifically, what we need to know is:

> Which associations of the following professional groups in Alabama are open to Negro members -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, and architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership full and complete, or is it subject to certain modifications and limitations? If so, what are the modifications?

Perhaps you will know people in one or more of these professions who can inform you about their own associations. Probably there are agencies -- Urban League, local professional groups, etc. -- which can also give you information. In any case, you will know best.

We make this request of you in a spirit of urgency. We will need the information by the end of May. We will be most grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 11, 1950

Bishop James Clair Taylor
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
353 Boyd Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Bishop Taylor:

At the suggestion of Dr. Rufus Clement I take the liberty of reminding you of your generosity in pledging one hundred dollars to the Southern Regional Council, to be paid May 1.

An emergency meeting of our Board of Directors was held recently, and we have been encouraged by their determination to establish the Council on a sound financial basis. However, the Board brought out more forcefully and clearly than ever before that we must have help from the people of the South who benefit most from the continuance and extension of this most important program.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent well-done piece about the Council, I enclose it.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Becker's Exclusive Ladies Shop
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Paul R. Webber, Jr. has sent us your recent contribution. It will add greatly to the work of the Council. Please accept our thanks.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefited most by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours.

I enclose some material which tells about the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Mr. James F. Walsh, Cashier
Southern National Bank
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Mr. Paul R. Webber, Jr. has sent us your recent contribution. It will add greatly to the work of the Council. Please accept our thanks.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefited most by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours.

I enclose some material which tells about the program of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The following shows Louisiana contributions. On the basis of conversations with people in New Orleans, Dr. Mitchell put the State down for $500.

Rev. J. B. Gremillion - Shreveport	$ 5.00
Anonymous	25.00

In a recent letter to Dr. Mitchell, you reported that Louisiana had on hand a total of $410. This brings you very nearly to your $500 pledge.

This campaign has given us a great deal of hope for our future existence. Georgia has made a substantial portion of its pledge already, and Tennessee has nearly reached its goal of $1,000, having paid in, to date, $813. Virginia too has made half of its pledged $800.

Another reason for optimism is the appointment of our enthusiastic and active Finance Committee, which is undertaking to put the Council on a firm financial basis by a campaign to be called "50 for '51," about which you will be written in detail.

Our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf and your faith in our work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

May 11, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

You had informed Dr. Mitchell by letter that Mississippi was certain of raising $2,000 by the end of the year. On the basis of that prediction, Dr. Mitchell put Mississippi down for $1,000 by June 1. Of that total, we have received $150.

This campaign has given us a great deal of hope for our future existence. Georgia has made a substantial portion of its pledge already, and Tennessee has nearly reached its goal of $1,000, having paid in, to date, $813. Virginia too has made half of its pledged $800.

Another reason for optimism is the appointment of our enthusiastic and active Finance Committee, which is undertaking to put the Council on a firm financial basis by a campaign to be called "50 for '51," about which you will be written in detail.

Our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf and your faith in our work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

cc: Mrs. Lyells

May 11, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The following shows North Carolina contributions on its pledge. We have the Division listed as having pledged $2,000 with the hope that it would actually realize more.

Mr. J. H. Wheeler - Durham	$ 25.00
Dr. Guy B. Johnson - Chapel Hill	50.00
Rev. John J. Hyland - Swannanoa	5.00
Dr. Charlotte H. Brown - Sedalia	25.00
Total	$105.00

This campaign has given us a great deal of hope for our future existence. Georgia has made a substantial portion of its pledge already, and Tennessee has nearly reached its goal of $1,000, having paid in, to date, $813. Virginia too has made half of its pledged $800.

Another reason for optimism is the appointment of our enthusiastic and active Finance Committee, which is undertaking to put the Council on a firm financial basis by a campaign to be called "$50 for '51," about which you will be written in detail.

Our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf and your faith in our work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

May 11, 1950

Renneker's, Inc.
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Paul R. Webber, Jr. has sent us your recent contribution. It will add greatly to the work of the Council. Please accept our thanks.

It is most encouraging that Southern people who are benefited most by this important program are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed gratified to have yours.

I enclose some material which tells about the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Mr. L. S. James
V. A. Guidance Center
State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. James:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Mr. Billie S. Fleming
Manning Avenue
Sumter, South Carolina

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May 11, 1950

Shuler & Smoak
302-316 St. John Street, Southeast
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Secretary-Treasurer

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May 11, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route #1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The enclosed sheet shows South Carolina contributions on its pledge. We have the Division listed as having pledged $1,250 with the hope that it would actually realize more.

This campaign has given us a great deal of hope for our future existence. Georgia has made a substantial portion of its pledge already, and Tennessee has nearly reached its goal of $1,000, having already paid to date $813. Virginia too has made half of its pledged $800.

Another reason for optimism is the appointment of our enthusiastic and active Finance Committee, which is undertaking to put the Council on a firm financial basis by a campaign to be called "50 for '51," about which you will be written in detail.

Our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf and your faith in our work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

CC: Marion Wright

South Carolina: May 11, 1950

Mrs. David R. Coker - Hartsville	$ 250.00
Mr. Eugene A. R. Montgomery - Columbia	3.00
Mrs. Modjeska M. Simpkins - Columbia	10.00
Mrs. Rachel E. Monteith - Columbia	10.00
Dr. L. H. Hallman - Columbia	5.00
Dr. J. G. Stuart - Columbia	5.00
Dean G. F. Nelson - Columbia	5.00
Mr. Willis C. Johnson - Columbia	15.00
Mr. Henry Williams - Columbia	5.00
Mrs. Dorothy N. Russell - Columbia	3.00
Mr. A. T. Butler - Columbia	15.00
Mr. J. H. Washington - Columbia	25.00
Mr. Edwin G. Seibels - Columbia	50.00
Mr. Normal Sifly - Orangeburg	1.00
Mr. P. R. Webber Jr. - Orangeburg	5.00
Horne Motors, Inc. - Orangeburg	5.00
Mr. James Hedgespeth - Orangeburg	2.00
Sou. Natl. Bank - Mr. James F. Walsh - Orangeburg	5.00
Mr. Davis - Pres. Bank of Orangeburg - Orangeburg	5.00
Summer's Jewelry Store - Orangeburg	5.00
Renneker's, Inc., Orangeburg	5.00
Moseley's Dept. Store - Orangeburg	5.00
Mr. John Brunson - Orangeburg	1.00
First Natl. Bank - Mr. Burns, Vice-Pres. - Orangeburg	5.00
Mr. Billie S. Fleming - Sumter	5.00
Sulton Electric Service - Orangeburg	5.00
Smoak Hardware - W. C. Bethea, Pres. - Orangeburg	10.00
T. B. Fersner & Sons - Orangeburg	5.00
Becker's Ladies Shop - Orangeburg	5.00
Shuler & Smoak - Orangeburg	5.00
Dean Bonner C. Turner - Orangeburg	5.00
Mr. L. S. James - Orangeburg	5.00
Total	490.00

May 11, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The enclosed sheet shows Alabama contributions on its pledge. We have the Alabama Division listed as having pledged $500 with the hope that it would actually realize more.

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NH:er/encls.

Alabama: May 11, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer - Birmingham	$ 100.00
Mr. W. D. Gay - Talladega	3.00
Mr. A. D. Beittel - Talladega	10.00
Rev. William H. Marmion - Birmingham	10.00
Dean C. G. Gomillion - Tuskegee Institute	10.00
Mr. Ernest Neal - Tuskegee Institute	5.00
Mrs. M. H. Sterne - Birmingham	25.00
Pres. W. A. Bell - Birmingham	10.00
U.M.W., District No. 20 - Birmingham	25.00
Total paid	$ 198.00

May 11, 1950

Mr. Glenn Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The enclosed sheet shows Georgia contributions on its pledge. We have the Georgia Division listed as having pledged $2,350 with the hope that it would actually realize more.

This campaign has given us a great deal of hope for our future existence. As you see by the enclosed, Georgia is coming along well. Tennessee has nearly reached its goal of $1,000, having already paid to date $813, and Virginia has made half of its pledged $800.

Another reason for optimism is the enthusiasm and activity of you people on the Finance Committee.

Our gratitude for your efforts on our behalf and your faith in our work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 11, 1950

Mr. John Griffin
1426 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 11, 1950

Mr. Rufus Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

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Encl.

Georgia: May 11, 1950

	Pledged	Paid
Bishop Arthur J. Moore- Atlanta		$ 100.00
Ashby Jones Memorial Fdn. - Atlanta		50.00
Josephine Wilkins - Atlanta	$ 100.00	
John Griffin - Decatur	100.00	
Dr. Harry Richardson - Atlanta	100.00	
Mr. Charles Gillman - Atlanta	100.00	
Philip Shulhafer - Atlanta	100.00	
Glenn Rainey - Atlanta	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. George Stoney - Athens		100.00
Mr. F. P. Drake - Atlanta		100.00
Anne Queen - Athens		5.00
Mrs. E. Marvin Underwood		10.00
Dr. R. P. Grant - Atlanta		10.00
Dr. Raymond Paty - Atlanta		100.00
Msgr. T. James McNamara - Savannah		100.00
Totals	600.00	$ 575.00

Copies: C.C.
N.H.

May 11, 1950

Mr. Walter Chivers
Box 311
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Chivers:

Our membership secretary brought me in the other day the small card which gives our record of your payment of dues to the Council. We list you unpaid for '47, '48, '49, and '50. I dare not calculate what all that amounts to. Do you think you could spare us $5.00, and let us make of you a fully paid up member through 1950?

We greatly value you as a friend of the Council and would hate to comply with the rules and drop you.

Besides, we really need the check.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 11, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

You will recall that at the Board meeting, Texas pledged $500. Of this amount, $125 has been received.

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NH:er

May 11, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

On the basis of conversations with people in New Orleans, Dr. Mitchell at that meeting put Louisiana down for $500 with the hope that more could be realized. You have made a fine showing already. We received your contributions this morning and will write these people as soon as possible. Our thanks to you.

In addition to the contributions received this morning, the following ones had been received previously:

Rev. J. B. Gremillion - Shreveport	$ 5.00
Anonymous	20.00

This brings your total to $460 - quite impressive.

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NH:er

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 1950

GSM:

In Knoxville, Tennessee, get acquainted with Mrs. Spahr, who at a recent meeting of the Northern Presbyterian Church Board made a speech on behalf of SRC and was instrumental in getting for us an appropriation of $250 and perhaps more.

GSM

Dr. Mitchell:

Mrs. Spahr has been an SRC members since 1945. She is:

Mrs. Neal B. Spahr
924 Temple Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

A notation on her membership card says: "Neal B. Spahr signed the Atlanta Statement."

I also note that there is no record of dues payment since October 1946.

Beth

May 11, 1950

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent,

I have read with interest and praise your 1950 Report.

We are grateful for your inclusion of the Council.

I wish I could find you the money for those books!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 11, 1950

Mrs. Eugene Spearman
Algene Acres
Newberry, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The Council's account of the Greenville Self-Survey has just been completed and sent to the printer. We expect to have it for distribution by the end of the month at the latest. It is in pamphlet form and will be the April-May issue of NEW SOUTH, so you should get your copy in the regular mailing. We will have extra copies available at 20¢ if you need them later.

The Greenville people have done a most impressive job, and we are very much excited about it. The story of what they have done should certainly help spread the survey idea.

We were sorry not to have seen you on the 22nd. I hope everything goes well with you.

Sincerely,

Jane Simpson
Survey Assistant

BV

May 11, 1950

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
Room 2517
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

I want to add my most cordial thanks to that of our Secretary-Treasurer for your most kind letter of April 28. We are deeply grateful for the action of the Board in providing an emergency grant of $1,000 to the Council and for the check for $500 of it, which came with your letter.

We have been having a hard time, but as the crisis approached, people rallied quite well, and we are safe for a good many months ahead. The Whitney Foundation's aid plays no small part in our new feeling of strength.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 11, 1950

Mr. Howell V. Williams
Police Training Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Williams:

Many thanks for your letter and the notices about the two new jobs.

I have written for further information about one Chief of Police who might fill the top bill.

A good guy is the man Yancey, City Manager at Charlotte, North Carolina, who has helped get Negro police on at Petersburg, Virginia, Greensboro and Charlotte, North Carolina. But he hasn't been a police official himself, as I remember it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ER

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 11, 1950

Mr. Gilbert Balkin
A.D.L.
330 Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Balkin:

The enclosed notice concerns a pretty important job.

The only man we think of as a possibility is your Chief W. H. Headley. But we know too little about him.

If he strikes you as suitable, would you care to write in to the people in Louisville, and put his name in the pot? If he's not up to it, would you drop me a line?

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 11, 1950

Mr. John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

Now that you are the chairman of the Arkansas Division in your own name, why can't you send out for Arkansas the copies of Race in the News that we corresponded about weeks ago?

If you say so, we would be happy to prepare a mimeographed letter here carrying your mimeographed signature (which we would trace on the stencil). Letter to be roughly as enclosed. But we would make a mimeographed letterhead that would show Arkansas Division.

As you know, what happens after that is that we stuff envelopes with Race in the News and a copy of the mimeographed letter, stick on the postage, and express the bundle to you for dropping into a post office in Arkansas.

What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 1950

TO: Harold Fleming

FROM: George Mitchell

In conversation with George McMillan, he talked some about the Washington Post.

The publisher is Phil Graham, who married a daughter of Eugene Meyer. One Wiggins is managing editor, a hard-pushing young guy. The city editor is Ben Gilbert, a close personal friend of George McMillan's. Gilbert and Wiggins put out the paper.

McMillan says Gilbert would take our stuff and give us editorials. He is a slugging, fighting liberal. They will be for us. Recently caused quite a stir by running a picture of a Negro girl on the society page.

GSM

May 11, 1950

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
1100 Florida Natl. Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Now that things have quieted down, could you go to see Mr. Alsop for us?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence
Encl: 2

May 11, 1950

Mr. Davis, President
Bank of Orangeburg
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 11, 1950

Mr. James Hedgespeth
258 Oak Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Mr. John Brunson
266 Treadwell Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Dean Benner C. Turner
Law School
State A & M College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dean Turner:

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Mr. E. M. Fersner
T. B. Fersner & Sons
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Mr. W. C. Bethea, President
J. W. Smoak Hardware Company
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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May 11, 1950

Mr. A. Sulton
Sulton Electric Company
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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May 11, 1950

Mr. Burns, Vice-President
First National Bank
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Secretary-Treasurer

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May 11, 1950

Miss Elise A. Mizzell
Moseley's Department Store
Ladies Wear
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mizzell:

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Mr. C. C. Fralick, Secretary
Summer's Jewelry Store
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Mr. Norman Sifly
Sifly Furniture Company
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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May 11, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

By way of information, we are reporting to the States the status of the pledges which were made at the meeting of the Board on April 22.

The enclosed sheet shows Tennessee contributions on its pledge. We have the Division down as having pledged $1,000 with the hope that it would actually realize more.

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(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 12, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are notifying the Chairman of each State Division of the status of the pledge he made at the Board meeting. Here is the way things stand:

	Pledged	Paid
Alabama	$ 500	$ 198
Florida	---	150
Georgia*	2,350	575
Kentucky	1,000	---
Louisiana	500	460
Mississippi	1,000	150
North Carolina	2,000	105
South Carolina	1,250	490
Tennessee	1,000	813
Texas	500	125
Virginia	800	422
Totals	$10,900	$3,488

The enclosed sheet shows how Virginia stands.

Our Finance Committee met Tuesday and came forth with a plan to establish a campaign called "50 for '51." Fifty people in each state will be asked to undertake responsibility for ten $10 memberships or for $100, preferably the former. The Committee is thinking in terms of $50,000 a year, the memberships being renewed from year to year. The amount going to the State Divisions from each membership would be half the basic membership, or $1.50. All this, of course, to be approved by the Executive Committee at the coming meeting June 10. We are having some campaign literature prepared, the dummies of which will be shown the Executive Committee.

* Exclusive of the Abram-Haas effort, which shows $1,520 already paid in.

How does this sound to you?

After several unusual weeks of receiving nice sums, the checks are now rolling in more slowly. However, we were considerably cheered to receive the bulk of the Louisiana pledge -- namely $435 -- this morning, so we were probably right in assuming that this week was only a natural lull after the first burst of great activity.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Encl.

Virginia: May 12, 1950

Mr. J. G. Pollard - Sommers	$ 10.00
Miller & Rhoads - Richmond	200.00
Mr. Wilson M. Brown - Richmond	12.00
Mr. Julian J. Reiss - Lake Placid N.Y.	100.00
Thalmimer Bros., Inc. - Richmond	100.00
Total	$422.00

May 12, 1950

Dr. Emil Leipziger
Touro Synagogue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Leipziger:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council, which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our program.

It is encouraging that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Dr. Franz H. Mueller
2110 Wellesley Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Mueller:

I am happy to do what I can on your problem.

The most useful organizing principle that I have found is geography. The basic book is Rupert Vance's Human Geography of the South. If from it you will draw off for yourself a map that divides the Southeast into four main sub-regions, the thing begins to come clear. The areas: Mountains, Piedmont, Plantations, Piney Woods. Then characterize the population of each as to race and sources of income, and political, economic, and civic institutions.

The main Mountain problem is over-population. The best remedies: reorganization of land use, further industrialization, forest care, recreational industry, technical education.

On the Piedmont, the stout habit of political self-government, now with economic self-government (which include both races) show the way out. This area has, in any case, a neat balance between a democratic land-owning agriculture and a thriving, decentralized industrial economy.

On the Piney Woods, the two problems are to conserve the timber and distribute the income from it better. We know how to do the first, and trade unions and minimum wages are showing us the second.

On the Plantation part, the problem is to escape the dependence of the old big farm unit system and come over into more land ownership, less dependence among hired laborers, again technical education, and more industry, particularly more processing industry.

For pamphlets, I send you up a bundle. They are good, but not now quite recent enough.

On what is happening in Southern agriculture now, I send you a copy of a good new thing, The Place of the Negro Farmer in the Changing Economy of the Cotton South.

The library will have reports from something called The Committee of the South, published for it by the National Planning Association in Washington. Some of them are good.

I am only too happy to send you these things, some of which I hope will be of help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 1950

Right Reverend T. J
The Right Reverend Monsignor T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

I do appreciate your nice letter and good wishes. Needless, to say, we are all grateful for your sustaining membership.

This enclosed reprint was passed out to members of the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Lesesne has been a friend of the Council, but apparently wrote this without the urging of anyone. It certainly is a well-done piece, and one which we are delighted to show at the slightest opportunity. I will send you a supply if you can use them.

We do hope you can make it to the next Executive Committee meeting and will look forward to seeing you.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Dr. Matthew Walker, Professor of Surgery
Department of Surgery
Meharry Medical College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Walker:

Our sincere thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is encouraging that the people of the South, who are benefiting most from this important program, are helping now more than ever, to give it support. We do appreciate yours.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent well-done piece about the Council, I enclose.it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Mrs. E. C. Thornhill
2216 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Thornhill:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received your dues for the current year. For this reason we are applying $3.00 of the contribution to your dues for January 1950 to January 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Mr. Marion B. Smith
L.S.U. Sociology Department
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest and support of our work.

We have not received your dues for July '49-'50, and the current year will become due July 1, 1950. For this reason we are applying $6.00 of your $10.00 contribution to your dues to bring your membership up to date until July 1, 1951.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Mr. C. C. Weil
Flint-Goodridge Hospital
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Weil:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest and support of our work.

We have not received your dues for the current year. For this reason we are applying $3.00 of your $5.00 contribution to your dues to bring your membership up to date until January 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Mr. Monte Lemann
Whitney Bank Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lemann:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

It is encouraging to us that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Dr. Elisabeth Wisner
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Wisner:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received your dues for the current year. For this reason we are applying $3.00 of the contribution to your dues for January 1950 to January 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Miss Carmelite Janvier
1130 Eighth Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Janvier:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received your dues for the current year. For this reason we are applying $3.00 of the contribution to your dues for January 1950 to January 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Miss Elsa Butler Groves
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Groves:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Miss Anna Roberts
63 Audubon Place
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Roberts:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Mr. Harry Nowalsky
318 Carondelet Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Nowalsky:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Miss Dagmar LeBreton
520 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss LeBreton:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Mr. I. L. Lyons, Sr.
Tchoupitoulas at Julia Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lyons:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Miss Gladys Hall
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Hall:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Dr. J. C. Roy
1001 Desiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Roy:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council, which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our program.

We have not received dues from you since March, 1948. Therefore, we are applying the $5.00 received as follows: $2.00 for 1949, and $3.00 for 1950. This brings your membership to date until February 1951. At the annual membership meeting in November, 1949, it was voted to raise the basic membership to $3.00 per year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Mrs. Isaac Heller
333 Audubon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Heller:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our program.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Monsignor John A. Vigtiero, Chancellor
Diocese of Lafayette
Layfayette, Louisiana

My dear Monsignor Vigtiero:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our program.

It is encouraging that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Dr. Harlan Gilmore
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Gilmore:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We have not received dues from you for several years. Therefore, we applying your $5.00 check as follows: $2.00, for the year 1949, and $3.00 for the year 1950. This brings your membership up to date until April 1951.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Mr. Louis Wilderson
1511 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Wilderson:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

Students of School
Xavier University Prep
New Orleans, Louisiana Attn: Mr. S. M. Berenice

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

We are encouraged that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:cac

May 12, 1950

The Reverend Jerome A. Drolet
R.F.D. 236
Thibodoux, Louisiana

Dear Father Drolet:

We are in receipt of your contribution to the Southern Regional Council which was sent by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans. We are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

It is encouraging that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 12, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stern
American Bank Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stern:

We are indeed grateful for your generous contribution sent to us by Mrs. Cohn. We are deeply appreciative of your continued interest and support in our work.

It is encouraging that the people of the South, who are benefited most by this important program, are now more than ever helping to give it support. Please accept our thanks for yours.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Sent 5/26/50
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May 17, 1950

Mrs. E. W. Cook
Box 205
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cook:

In response to your recent request for information on community self-surveys, we are sending you separately a copy of BY THE PEOPLE, a short account of the Jacksonville, Florida, self-survey, and a leaflet describing surveys generally.

In about two weeks, we shall have in print a short report, in pamphlet form, on the highly successful self-survey recently carried out in Greenville, South Carolina. We shall see that you receive a copy of that also.

Additional copies of both the Jacksonville and Greenville reports are available are twenty cents each.

If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 13, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

How very good that was of you to give all of yesterday to the things we did.

Mrs. Huff was overjoyed to have all that flock of checks and particularly delighted that you had already thanked the kind givers. Thank you notes run out of our ears these days. Which, however, is cause for rejoicing.

I had a pleasant visit with Priscilla, which I owe entirely to your kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Dict. May 12.

May 16, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells, Treasurer
Mississippi State Division, S.R.C.
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Enclosed, please find your statement of dues return for January and March with check covering one-half of the dues payments for each of these months. There were no memberships for the Mississippi Division in February.

I hope that in the future our treasury will allow us to be more prompt in returning your share of the dues.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 16, 1950

Mr. C. C. Weil
Flint-Goodridge Hospital
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Weil:

Please accept our apology for our reference in a recent letter to you about a delinquincy in dues. It is explained by our mistake in confusing you with another individual by the same name in New Orleans.

We do appreciate your contribution to the Council, and hope you will accept our regrets over this mistake. Please, however, let us know if you would like part of your gift to be entered in membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 16, 1950

Mrs. A. D. Shores
1630 Fourth Avenue
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Shores:

Enclosed please find your statement of dues return for January, February, and March with check covering one -half of the dues payments for each of these months. I hope that in the future our treasury will allow us to be more prompt in returning your share of the dues.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 16, 1950

Miss Lula Gilliam, Chairman
Race Relations Department
Chatham Hall
Chatham, Virginia

Dear Miss Gilliam:

Please express our sincere appreciation for your recent contribution to your Department.

We are most anxious to interest the people of the South in this important program. It is encouraging that Southerners are helping now more than ever to support the work of the Council.

I enclose membership blanks with the hope that several people at Chatham Hall will be interested in taking memberships. A membership entitles the individual to vote at annual meetings and to receive all Council publications issued during the year.

Our best regards and many thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 16, 1950

Miss Geraldine Collins, Treasurer
S.C.A.
Piedmont College
Demarest, Georgia

Dear Miss Collins:

Please express our sincere appreciation to your group for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We are most anxious to interest the people of the South in this most important program which is essential to our progress. It is encouraging that Southerners are helping now more than ever to support the work of the Council.

I enclose membership blanks with the hope that several people at Piedmont College will be interested in joining the Council. A membership entitles the individual to vote at annual meetings and to receive all Council publications issued during the year.

Our best regards and many thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 16, 1950

Miss Bernice Lippitt
Box 129
Johnson Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Lippitt:

Many thanks for your prompt reply to our recent letter. We are sorry you are not going to be ready for the position right away. However, if you would be interested in working for the Council this summer, let us know.

Enclosed is the membership blank you requested. I add several in addition, in the event that there may be some acquaintances at Columbia interested in joining.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

CC: Paul Williams

May 16, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
The National Conference of Christians and Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

Paul Williams has asked me to send on to you a copy of our Home Town Self-Survey Manual. One is going forward under separate cover.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 16, 1950

Mr. G. W. Cox
North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cox:

This is in reply to your most welcome letter of May 5 to Mr. Byrd. Mr. Byrd has gone back to his New York location, but continues to help the Council from time to time.

We are deeply grateful for your visit to Mr. Redmond and for your long and persuasive letter to him. I will go down today to see Mr. Walden and ask his aid, which I am sure we will get.

Here is the check for $82.56 to cover in part your expenses which you so kindly incurred on our behalf.

I will write you again as soon as I have been in touch with Mr. Walden. Meanwhile, let us know if you hear further from Mr. Redmond.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 16, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

A man named Harry Jones is director for North and South Carolina for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Paul Williams has been in touch with Mr. G. Howland Shaw, influential therein, with a proposal that NCCJ put up a thousand dollars to enable the Council to move forward with a Home Town Self-Survey proposed for Rock Hill, South Carolina. All is tentative as to the Rock Hill Self-Survey, but our proposal would be to get $500 for the Survey Committee and, with $500 held here, give particularly close advisory service through Mrs. Simpson, backed with some clerical assistance.

I fear me that on this we are somewhat ahead of Rock Hill, though they have shown definite interest but have not finally undertaken a survey, and in any case, so far as I know, their proposal is for a survey of the Negro community, whereas Paul has attempted to persuade the NCCJ on the supposition that the survey would be of everybody.

Paul has had favorable response from several members of the Executive Committee of the NCCJ. Could you get hold of the man Jones and inform him of the capabilities of the Council and of the survey method?

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

CC: Paul Williams

May 16, 1950

Mr. G. Howland Shaw
2723 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Paul Williams has asked me to send on to you a copy of the Council's Manual on the Home Town Self-Survey. I take pleasure in sending one herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 16, 1950

Mr. Joe W. Williams Jr.
1630 North Pleasant Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are glad to have your card.

For the moment I am clean out of our usually abundant stock of promotional literature.

I send you a grand story from the Herald Tribune which really tells something about us, and a membership blank. If you like us, do please join us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

May 13, 1950

Mr. George Britt
Managing Editor, The Survey
Survey Associates, Inc.
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Britt:

Your secretary, Miss Gallagher, kindly wrote on May 8 about the New York Times story on African students. Here are a couple of copies of the original article.

We are also happy to send at her request two copies of Race in the News. This latter has done a remarkable amount of good. Papers all over the South are blossoming out into courtesy titles, pictures of Negro activities, and good stories and headlines fairly made. We think we have accomplished more with that little pamphlet than with anything else we have put out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

May 13, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

How very kind and encouraging your letter of May 10 is. We hope most earnestly that those who are to review the matter will care to give us that invaluable help.

I will look forward to Dr. Imhoff's coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 13, 1950

Mr. L. P. Hollis, Superintendent
Parker School District
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hollis:

Greetings.

This little paper comes to me regularly because some years ago I took some work aiding Negro veterans.

It customarily gives on page 2 a story or two, and usually a picture, of Negro veterans in training for high type work. See the enclosed.

I have several times written the editor of the paper with my praises for the paper's good practice, and I have also tried to get appropriate people in the Veterans Administration to drop them a word of praise. I don't know whether those who get up the paper feel that their good work in this regard has been sufficiently noticed. In any case, I thought I might let you know that in my experience this is so high a level of fairness it is unique.

It may be one of those situations in which public praise won't help, but perhaps you will know what if anything is right for Greenville to do to show that it knows it has a group of people who are being modern.

I am deeply appreciative of all the fine things I hear about your work with the Self-Survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 13, 1950

Mr. Emory Ross
Committee for African Students in North America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Ross:

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 9 with its list of people to whom I should send the article about African students.

I am, of course, most happy to get these off to your friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 13, 1950

Mr. Lindner Smith, Jr.
1745 West Seminary Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are short of general literature about the Southern Regional Council. I send you an old pamphlet and a new leaflet and an advertisement of our wares and a recent Herald Tribune story.

Professor A. R. Mead in the College of Education at Gainesville can tell you who are our members in that area. In Jacksonville, perhaps your best approach is through Mrs. Henry H. Havens, 2845 Corinthian Avenue.

I believe we have twelve or fifteen members around Greenville and sixty or seventy around Jacksonville.

The Chairman of the Florida Division is Mr. William W. Gibbs, Ingraham Building, Miami, and the Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. William C. White, Okeechobee.

We wish you would become a member and interest any of your friends. If we can help in any way, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

May 13, 1950

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American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 17, 1950

Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa
Bethune Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

The germ you and your friends at Bethune Cookman helped to grow has got as far as this little article in New South. I send you a dozen and would be happy to send you more if they would be useful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

May 17, 1950

Mr. Robert B. Eleazer
213 Mockingbird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

I thought perhaps you would wish some extra copies of the small notice we carried recently of the good book, Survey of African Students Studying in the United States, so I am sending some to you. More, if they should be useful.

I fear me I have not thanked you and Mrs. Eleazer for company and a mighty nice supper.

I was in Nashville two or three hours recently to talk to A & I College, and Mr. Epps and I shared our praises of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

May 17, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

When I was in New York ten days or so ago, I met with the American Jewish Committee people. I had quite a conference, with all their head ones there. They are anxious to help us build membership and to get their local people active in the Council and take their due place as local individuals in support of the Council. But they offer no encouragement about a lump sum from the American Jewish Committee itself. I stated, however, that we would not give up on that, but would continue to press them for help of that kind. So as soon as Leonard Haas can go, I want him to press in that way. I have not yet conferred with him about it.

Nor do I know any more as yet from Odum or Guy about Straus. It would be well if you wrote to Odum and asked his view as to when active steps could be taken with Mr. Straus. Odum intends to see Straus, I know, but I don't know when.

I have heard nothing from Philip Murray or Dave McDonald. They have been busy with conventions, as you know.

We had a letter t'other day from Mr. Ralph A. Rose of the American Friends Service Committee saying that his group had recommended to the AFSC as a whole that it provide $2000 for us next year. Rose was careful to point out that there were two reviewing bodies above his sub-committee. Nevertheless, I should think we would finally get the sum recommended.

Tennessee has raised its thousand. New Orleans has sent in nearly all its $500. North Carolina is sending out a letter. Kentucky is sending out a letter, is raising more, but says it won't finish until the Fall. Georgia is getting out a letter to be sure of raising its whole amount. No recent word from Alabama or Mississippi or South Carolina. We met the last payroll and still have several hun-

dred dollars in the bank, and we have very greatly reduced current indebtedness. If the amounts pledged are in hand or clearly coming June 10, things will look pretty good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 17, 1950

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
State Director, CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Norma Huff turned over to me your kind letter of May 9.

I wrote the Senate Committee as per the enclosed and had a noncommittal answer, as you will see.

I do hope they will let me testify.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encls.

May 17, 1950

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your long letter of May 15 and all your careful planning.

A proposal for a Rock Hill survey has not yet got beyond the proposal stage. The Council has goodish but rather new membership in Rock Hill. Probably an undue proportion of the members are centered in Winthrop College, which removes it a bit from the community as a whole. The two main obstacles to getting a survey going have been (1) discovering the most representative leadership possible and (2) some money. The idea will be considerably furthered by the publication in a few days' time of the report of the Greenville survey. People from Greenville have already talked with our Rock Hill Committee and the leader of the Greenville survey is to be in Rock Hill tomorrow.

We ought to face at the beginning the fact that the Council's method of getting a survey done is built flatly on local action and local policy. The only rule we have ever made is that the local survey Committee must be interracial, else we are not interested. I do not think Rock Hill has seriously considered doing a survey of the entire community. It's a big town and a textile town. We are more likely to get conclusive surveys in smaller places. What success we have had with the survey method has been based upon the plan of letting the local community do it; thus far, no survey that the Council has advised with has been a "sponsored" survey. The thing we have tried carefully to avoid is any indication that the Council has made the policies, the moving principle being the ingenuity and faithfulness of local people. All this, in order that you and I can make it clear to the NCCJ that the sponsor of the Rock Hill Survey will have to be the Rock Hill Committee. It would be perfectly right for it to be understood and publicly known that the NCCJ had given a large part of the money used for the survey, but it would also have to be clear that it wasn't an NCCJ survey or an SRC survey, but a Rock Hill survey.

I should think that the Executive Committee of the NCCJ, when it understood this, would be entirely happy about putting up the money on those terms.

I talked by 'phone yesterday with Miss Dorothy Jones of the Sociology Department at Winthrop College, who is the person over there most interested perhaps

in getting a survey started. They would be delighted to get the help, and I think that having the money would be the thing that would tip the decision and get them moving.

I have put all this fully to you in order that you would understand it completely. For purposes of any further correspondence you have with the NCCJ, I suggest some sort of language such as the following:

"The Council's success with the Home Town Self-Survey method is based upon complete local responsibility. This is a somewhat different idea from sponsorship of the survey by any general organization. The local Committee of carefully chosen representative people who guide and actually do the survey is in each instance the sponsoring and directing agency. The Council's service is limited to technical advice. Thus, if the local Committee decides to confine its survey to the Negro community (as seems likely in the case of Rock Hill) or to particular aspects such as housing or schools (which seems unlikely in the case of Rock Hill) the Council would not wish to try to change a considered local decision. On the other hand, whatever agency had assisted with advice or with funds would have its assistance gratefully recognized in the published findings."

What the NCCJ ought to do if they would, is provide $500 directly to the Rock Hill Committee and $500 to a Home-Town Self-Survey project of the Southern Regional Council for special assistance to the Rock Hill survey. We would expect to hold, of the $500 coming to SRC, about $300 toward publication costs. The printing of 10,000 copies of the Greenville survey is costing around $800, of which the Greenville Survey Committee is putting up $360 by purchasing 1500 copies at twenty cents apiece.

I am sorry to have to bring up these complications, but the survey can go over with a bang if they are understood from the beginning and would very likely be ineffective if they were not.

I am satisfied that Rock Hill is anxious to go ahead and that the lack of the money is now the principle obstacle. It is really just a matter of a difference in the technique of getting things done. Our experience is that the local Committee will not only make its survey well, but will do a diligent and effective follow-up job if, but only if, the local Committee understands that it is working with full local responsibility.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

Sent 5/26/50
—BR

May 17, 1950

Mrs. Stanley Rosenbaum
River View Drive
Florence, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Rosenbaum:

Mr. Levin of the Anti-Defamation League has asked us to send you information about community self-surveys. We are sending separately a small leaflet which describes briefly and generally the process of the self-survey and a copy of BY THE PEOPLE, a report of the successful self-survey carried out in Jacksonville, Florida, two years ago.

In about two weeks, we will have in print a report of the current self-survey in Greenville, South Carolina, and we shall send you a copy of that, also. The Greenville survey graphically shows the effectiveness of the self-survey technique. There, over 250 citizens of both races have worked as enthusiastic volunteers on the various survey committees, and the survey began to yield rich results long before its recommendations were made public.

Already many striking improvements have been made in such areas as housing, sanitation, recreation, health and medical care, and the handling of racial news in the local papers. The people in Greenville say, though, that the most important gain so far has been intangible -- the marked change in attitudes and atmosphere which has occurred in the community during the course of the survey. It is this changes of course, which has made the more concrete improvements possible.

The Council will be very glad to help your group in Florence in any way we can if you should decide to undertake a local self-survey.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 17, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Mrs. Tilly is to be in Richmond for a mid-day talk June 5 to the American Christian Palestine Committee. Hotel reservation that night at hotel thus far unknown -- in Richmond. Local Richmond head person unknown. Arrangements made through New York.

She will be free to go with you to Washington late the 5th or during the 6th.

Let us know your wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Later info: Mrs. Tilly will stay at the Richmond Hotel. Local contact person, Mrs. Claire Salten.

GSM

GSM:er

May 17, 1950

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The matter of getting professionalized police training in the field of group relations is one in which the Southern Regional Council has long been interested. I am happy to pass on to you the conclusions we have drawn from our experience with the problem.

To take up your questions in order:

1. Such training is certainly needed, particularly in the South, where the problem is complicated by the bi-racial pattern. It has seemed to us that one of the most effective ways to offset the prejudices of police officers themselves is to get them to accept the notion of a "professional" attitude in their dealings with minority groups.

2. Examples of the need for such training are abundant. I enclose four copies of our bulletin, New South, which deal specifically with instances of interracial violence. In virtually every case mentioned, the shortcomings of law enforcement procedures are painfully evident. Part of the problem is ineptness, which presumably could be remedied by professional training. The other part, the attitudes of the officers themselves, would be remedied only to the extent that instruction can modify prejudice -- or at any rate its manifestations.

3. This kind of training has been negligible in the South. A few police departments, such as those in Miami, Fla., and Greensboro, N. C., include in their training programs a lecture on race relations. This is a welcome, but very limited, innovation. A police academy is just now being established in Louisville, Ky., by the University of Louisville in cooperation with the Louisville Police Department. It will offer training to especially selected policemen from Southern states and will include in its curriculum various materials on the prevention and control of intergroup conflict.

4. There has not yet been enough training of this kind in the South to produce measurable results.

5. All of those instances described in the enclosed copies of New South could have been minimized had the law enforcement officers involved had proper professional training.

6. Doubtless the financing of such training programs would be a serious obstacle for many police departments. We have found that Southern policemen as a group are poorly paid, which is one indication of the small amount of money made available for police work. Added to that, funds for such programs would have to be appropriated by local governing bodies, many of which would not see the value of them. Unfortunately, this is especially true of the smaller and more backward towns and counties, where the need is greatest.

As you may know, Gunnar Myrdal has written authoritatively on this whole matter. Chapter 25 of his An American Dilemma (pp. 535-546) discusses the Southern policeman and the Negro. Chapter 27 (pp. 538-569), entitled "Violence and Intimidation," also contains useful information. Enclosed is a brief excerpt from a speech delivered by Myrdal in 1948, in which he proposes the establishment of a police academy that would specialize in the kind of professional training with which your bill is concerned.

There are, of course, a number of cities outside the South which are taking official measures to cope with this problem. Although the Southern Regional Council's material on the subject is scanty, we get many requests for it from cities inside and outside the region.

Probably the best qualified authority in that field is Dr. Joseph D. Lohman of the University of Chicago. He prepared the Chicago Park Police Manual, the best thing in print on the subject, and has served as consultant to police departments in various other cities. If you are not already in touch with him, I am sure he could be of great help.

I shall look forward to seeing a draft of your bill. Meanwhile, if I can be of any further help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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May 18, 1950

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus, Legal Counsel
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I am at your service here in Atlanta on any day from May 22 to June 6. Otherwise, I could come to New York (though not at my own expense) any time in there except May 22.

Please let me know as soon as you know what your plans are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mrs. T. V. Moore
4514 N. E. 1st Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Moore:

The enclosed recent editorial article from the Herald Tribune will give you a convenient summary of the Southern Regional Council.

We are a voluntary agency with some 3450 members scattered over the South. Our Florida membership is organized into a Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council, of which Mr. William W. Gibbs, Ingraham Building, Miami, is Chairman. Mrs. William C. White, Okeechobee, is Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Henry Havens, 2845 Corinthian Avenue, Jacksonville, has been particularly interested in the Council's work in Florida. Professor Gordon Lovejoy at the University of Miami also knows the Council well.

We have no direct affiliation from special women's groups, though various women's church groups have been particularly helpful to the Council in its local efforts.

We are most anxious to increase our membership and usefulness in Florida and would feel greatly strengthened if you would become a member of the Council and interest others in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

DAILY FILE
Mailed to members of the Executive Committee

Memo

May 18, 1950

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Council offices at 10:00 a.m. June 10.

Please return the enclosed post card.

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
ATLANTA, GA.

May 18, 1950

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
156 Seventh Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

We haven't heard anything from you in a long time and are wondering how you have been getting along. I hope the ceramics have turned out to be a booming business.

We have been rolling along about as usual by a series of miracles. The good people continue to help. The Greenville survey has been completed and the report from this office written and sent to the printer. It will appear as the next New South. The Greenville people are delighted with our report of their work.

Enclosed is a check which needs your endorsement. I am quite surprised that this is the first such check I've received.

All send best regards and good wishes. Come in for a visit the next time you are down town.

Sincerely,

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

Atlanta 3, Ga.

(low on letterhead!)

May 18, '50

Dear Mr. Buffington,

After you called today I went over to the office of the Chief Real Estate Agent of the Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Army Engineers, where I talked with one Hickson, in charge.

Several conclusions:

1. He has seen the appraisals of all tracts involved, and thinks them fair and square.

2. He had been interested inasmuch as an Emory Professor had called him several times in late April and early May on Miss Gartrelle's behalf.

3. When Miss Gartrelle signed the option that was a final and binding performance. And the papers have now gone to Washington, for issuance of check.

I myself formed the opinion that all was on the up and up, and that Miss Gartrelle's interests had been closely respected.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

May 18, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

One of the peaks of human skill is the ability to sense the time and find the means for fulfilling some widespread need among men. When privation or injustice is by weight of tradition made to seem immovable, the higher is the skill required. Dr. Alexander has all his life keyed his mind to this task. He began it as a young minister just out of college. He did it again with the troops in World War I. In magnificent sweep and energy he launched throughout the South, thirty years ago, the whole effort of organized interracial cooperation. When the bottom dropped out of the old agriculture, it was largely his thinking and contriving which achieved the inspiring, democratic, and resultful program of the Farm Security Administration. In war again, he guided us all in racial integration. And to the Julius Rosenwald Fund he later gave unstintingly of his genius for finding the useful and the workable.

In each instance he has thought ahead, marshalled people and resources, and with courage and loyalty to principle put through his plan.

For quality in companionship alone he wins affection; for his power to bend his wits to public need all who know him offer honor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer
1173 Briarcliff Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Oberdorfer:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

As a consequence of that gathering, the Southern Regional Council has received already the gratifying sum of $1520. Your generous aid, and that of your friends, gave us new strength at a time when it was hard to see the way through our budget problems. The Executive Committee on March 31 planned the more hopefully for future sums, and the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, on April 22, found or pledged additional sums, almost entirely from the various Southern States, amounting to $15,500. That leaves the Council only $8000 short of enough to see it through the year, free of any indebtedness, and we think we can find much of that from large gifts. So we begin to feel assured of keeping the Council at work.

We are deeply grateful for the moving and speedy generosity of your group, and we wish to continue to be worthy of your friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
1045 Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

As a consequence of that gathering, the Southern Regional Council has received already the gratifying sum of $1,520. Your generous aid, and that of your friends, gave us new strength at a time when it was hard to see the way through our budget problems. The Executive Committee on March 31 planned the more hopefully for future sums, and the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, on April 22, found or pledged additional sums, almost entirely from the various Southern States, amounting to $15,500. That leaves the Council only $8,000 short of enough to see it through the year, free of any indebtedness, and we think we can find much of that from large gifts. So we begin to feel assured of keeping the Council at work.

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Executive Director

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May 18, 1950

Mr. Hyman S. Jacobs
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 18, 1950

Mr. David Marx, Jr.
1030 Citizens & Southern Natl. Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Marx:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 18, 1950

Mr. Armand May
451 Stephens, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. May:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. Louis A. Montag
3365 Habersham Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Montag:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. Albert E. Mayer
William-Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayer:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abrum, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. L. Aronstam
203 Decatur Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Aronstam:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mr. Henry Alexander
Candler Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

As a consequence of that gathering, the Southern Regional Council has received already the gratifying sum of $1,520. This generous aid gave us new strength at a time when it was hard to see the way through our budget problems. The Executive Committee on March 31 planned the more hopefully for future sums, and the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, on April 22, found or pledged additional sums, almost entirely from the various Southern States, amounting to $15,500. That leaves the Council only $8,000 short of enough to see it through the year, free of any indebtedness, and we think we can find much of that from large gifts. So we begin to feel assured of keeping the Council at work.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Mrs. Richard H. Rich
27 West Andrews Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Rich:

We recall with appreciation your kindness in attending a luncheon called by Mr. Morris Abram, at the Ansley Hotel, on March 30.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am all gratitude for that magnificent occasion. It was a joy to be a part of Tuskegee Institute those two days. And a very special delight to have your and Mrs. Patterson's hospitality -- hospitality above and beyond any call of courtesy.

And what a very generous check! It buoyed the Council's sinking treasury, and we thank you for it.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 18, 1950

Honorable Paul Brown
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is belated thanks for your real kindness in wiring me May 3 as to how to proceed on the land acquisition matter in the Clark's Hill Project.

I had occasion to visit the office of the Chief of the Real Estate Division, U. S. Army Engineers here in Atlanta and received most courteous advice and assistance.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 19, 1950

Mrs. Thomasina Norford
Minority Group Consultant
United States Employment Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Norford:

Dr. George Mitchell, the Council's Executive Director, has suggested that you might be able to help us with some information we need. The Council is preparing for the June issue of NEW SOUTH, our monthly publication, a report on the policies of state professional associations with regard to Negro membership. We have been told that there is a fairly new organization of personnel workers in the various state employment services called the International Association of Public Employment Services. It apparently is organized state-by-state, with a national organization over all.

We would be most grateful if you could find out for us if these state associations of employment service workers admit Negroes to membership and, if so, whether or not Negro membership is full and complete or is limited in any way.

We make this request in a spirit of urgency, since we will need the information by the end of May. We will greatly appreciate whatever help you can give us.

The states with which we are concerned are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Miss Frances Buck
Regional Nursing Consultant
U. S. Public Health Service
Dallas, Texas

Dear Miss Buck:

The Council is preparing for the June issue of NEW SOUTH, our monthly publication, a report on the policies of state professional associations in regard to Negro membership. Mrs. Frances Callahan of the U. S. Public Health Service here in Atlanta has told us that you would be able to inform us about the practices of the State Nurses Associations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas.

Specifically, what we need to know is:

> Do the State Nurses Associations in these four states admit Negro members?
>
> If so, when were Negro nurses first admitted?
>
> In the associations admitting Negro nurses, is their membership full and complete, or is it subject to certain limitations? If so, what are the limitations?

We make this request in a spirit of urgency, since we will need the information by the end of May. We will be most grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Miss Lorena Jane Murray
Regional Nursing Consultant
U. S. Public Health Service
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Murray:

The Southern Regional Council is preparing for the June issue of NEW SOUTH, its monthly publication, a report on the policies of state professional associations concerning Negro membership. Mrs. Frances Callahan of the U. S. Public Health Service here has told us that you would be able to inform us about the practices of the Kentucky State Nurses Association.

Specifically, what we need to know is:

> Is the Kentucky State Nurses Association open to Negro members?
>
> If so, when were Negro nurses first admitted?
>
> Is Negro membership full and complete, or is it subject to certain limitations? If so, what are they?

We make this request in a spirit of urgency, since we will need the information by the end of May. We will be most grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North 6th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Dabbs asked me to help you find somebody for the article on ownership of Southern industry and business.

I talked with Phil Hammer, who was until very lately with a leading firm of business counselors in Atlanta, and is a learned economist. Phil said the nearest he knew was the man John B. McFerrin, who wrote the enclosed.

I should think he could do what you need done.

Sincerely and with regards,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.
CC: James M. Dabbs

May 19, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

This turned up in our clippings. On the off-chance that you had not seen it I send it on.

Sincer ly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 19, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Here is a copy of the letter Mr. Walden wrote Mr. Redmond.

I have thanked Mr. Cox and sent him his check.

It seems to me the next step is a further letter from me to Mr. Sidney Redmond, urging him to bring the matter to a favorable decision and explaining in still further detail the kind of thing New South does.

Do you agree, or what else do you think we should do?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

May 19, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

I know you have been concerned about some way for us to be helped by Mr. Harry Straus.

After a conversation by phone with Gordon Lovejoy, I called Mr. Straus's office this morning and tried to arrange an appointment for me to see him.

His secretary said Mr. Straus had been ill in the latter part of his vacation and was put to bed shortly after he came home and is not allowed to see anyone at all for two or three weeks. I don't think it was a runaround; I have dealt helpfully with the same secretary before.

I notified Lovejoy of this development; I thought you would wish to know it too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 19, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I talked to Gordon Lovejoy about Straus and then I called Straus's office to try to make a date to go see him this week end. He's sick in the bed and the doctors won't let him see anybody for two or three weeks. This seems to be a straight account. His secretary undertook to write me later on. In any case, I will try to see him when he's up.

I am notifying Odum that Straus is sick.

All still looks favorable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 19, 1950

Miss Daphne Doster
Regional Nursing Consultant
U. S. Public Health Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Doster:

The Council is preparing for the June issue of its monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, a report on the policy and practices of state professional associations concerning Negro membership. Mrs. Frances Callahan, Regional Nursing Consultant for this region, U. S. Public Health Service, has told us that you would be able to tell us about the State Nurses Associations in North Carolina and Virginia.

Specifically, what we need to know is:

> Are the State Nurses Associations in North Carolina and Virginia open to Negro members?
>
> If so, when did they first begin to admit Negroes to Membership?
>
> If they admit Negro nurses, is their membership full and complete, or is it subject to certain limitations and modifications?

We make this request in a spirit of urgency, since we will need the material by the end of May. We will be most grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

We are most grateful for your prompt reply to our request for information about the membership policies of the professional associations in South Carolina. The information is exactly what we need and will be a great help to us in preparing the report for NEW SOUTH.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Rev. Joseph H. Fichter, S.J., Chairman
Department of Sociology
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Fichter:

Thank you so much for your prompt and full reply to our request for information on the professional associations in your State. The information is exactly what we need and will be a great help to us in preparing our report.

There are just a few points that I would like to check with you. First, in addition to the New Orleans Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers, does Louisiana have a State Conference of Social Work? And if so, does it accept Negroes as full members? And second, I assume that the New Orleans Federation of Classroom Teachers is part of a State teachers' Association and that the membership policies (separate) of the two groups are similar. Is that correct?

We greatly appreciate your ready help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

The Council is preparing for the June issue of NEW SOUTH a report on the policy and practices of State professional associations concerning Negro membership. Since we need local help in obtaining information not available here in Atlanta, we wonder if you would be good enough to help us with the information we need from Kentucky.

Specifically, what we need to know is:

> Which associations of the following professional groups in Kentucky are open to Negro members -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, and architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership full and complete, or is it subject to certain modifications and limitations? If so, what are the modifications?

Perhaps you will know people in these professions who can inform you about their own associations. Probably there are agencies -- Urban League, local professional groups, etc. -- which can also give you information. In any case, you will know best.

We make this request in a spirit of urgency. We will need the information by the end of May. We will be most grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Mr. Abbott L. Ferriss
Box 1164
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ferriss:

Thank you so much for sending so promptly the information you obtained for us on the four state professional organizations. It is exactly what we need and will help greatly in preparing the report for NEW SOUTH.

I am very sorry that our getting our wires crossed here resulted in a duplication of effort , and please accept our apologies.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Dr. R. B. Atwood, President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Thank you for letting us know so promptly that you will be unable to obtain the information we need for our report on the membership policies of State professional associations. Since our deadline is the end of May, we are writing Mr. Tydings to see if he will be able to get the information to us by that time.

Thank you anyway for your kind offer to help us later. We certainly understand how scarce time is at the end of the school year, and we appreciate your copperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

May 19, 1950

Monthly Review
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to obtain two (2) copies of the Monthly Review for May 1950 containing the article by Robert D. Calkins on economic potentials in the South. We would appreciate your sending us the two copies of this issue or, if not available through you, telling us where we might obtain them.

We shall be glad to pay any necessary costs.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

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May 19, 1950

Mr. John T. Alsop, Jr.
Lynch Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Alsop:

Mr. R. P. Daniel has written me that he talked with you the other day about the Southern Regional Council. We are delighted to have our organization praised by so fine a man as Mr. Daniel, and that he praised it to one who deserves so well of Jacksonville and of Florida.

Mr. Daniel said you wished further information about the Council. Here is quite a bundle of things, which I know you haven't time to read through. But do try to read the whole of the Herald Tribune story, attached. That puts our history and work most clearly.

Among the other things, notice Race in the News. This has had remarkable influence on the Southern Press. It came out last September, and was sent at once by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association to all its members. Wherever I go in the South, I find the Negro citizens pleased by the changes that local papers have made.

The Jacksonville Survey you will be familiar with. The short-form report on it is called By the People. Another has just been finished at Greenville, South Carolina, and the report will be mailed to you. As with Jacksonville, the local citizens have already been accorded substantial gains, and the experience of doing the work together will benefit Greenville for years to come.

One of our best jobs has been done in persuading doubtful City Councils that the addition of Negro patrolmen to the police force will be worthwhile. By correspondence we have annually collected the facts about Southern cities and towns

which use Negro policemen, and have reported the various experiences. We know that our facts have been influential in tipping the decision in many cities.

We have tried at all times to serve in a responsible way, and to be a truly representative voice within the South. It is not easy for the South to find agreement, and it is not easy for the Council, but we contrive it, out of the practical good sense of our members of both races.

I send you a list of all our Board members, that you may know just what sort of people guide our policies.

As to finances, we have ordinarily run on a budget of $55,000 a year, of which about $25,000 came annually from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The Fund, as you know, has spent its money and gone out of existence, as Mr. Rosenwald directed that it should. Without that backlog, we have cut down our work to a level of $35,000 a year, and are finding it mighty hard to raise even that sum within the South. Nevertheless, substantial gifts from Southern sources do come in. Our members and friends in South Carolina have raised for us in the last few months about $1,500; Tennessee has sent in a thousand; Georgia has raised two thousand; and most of the other Southern State groups have pledged sums which when added up will yield $12,500 this year. But we are still $8,000 short of enough to meet our budget. We have had one gift of a thousand from a large textile concern with mills in the South. And the churches continue to help us substantially.

We would be happy to send you an audit of our 1949 operations, or any other facts you might wish. Contributions to the Southern Regional Council are fully tax-exempt, by Treasury letter to us dated July 28, 1947.

We hope most earnestly that Mr. Kipnis will wish the National Container Corporation to aid us. We are certain that with a thousand dollars we would do a thousand dollars worth of good!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 19, 1950

Mr. H. P. Daniel
Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

How greatly you encouraged us with your letter of yesterday! Here is my letter to Mr. Alsop.

I am sure it will take some further personal expression of interest from you. Anyway, we hope, we hope.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 22, 1950

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Here is the Ousler letter. I will send you the other things in a day or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 22, 1950

Mr. Paul W. Barnhart
Associates for Christian Education
P.O. Box 180
Deland, Florida

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I would guess that my original letter from Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa was received about February 8 and that the incident which he described had occurred in late January.

It was a pleasure to see you here, and I am only sorry that the visit was so brief.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 22, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Our thanks for that fine bunch of checks you left with us this morning.

I am wondering if they should be shown as part of the amount pledged for the Georgia effort to meet the emergency or as contributions to the "50 for 51" campaign. At any rate they will be acknowledged as soon as possible. We are holding Ed Foster's check for several weeks since it is predated June 1.

Enclosed is a list of Georgia people who have given us $10.00 or more since last December.

We are most grateful for your many efforts on our behalf and for the effectiveness of these efforts.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 22, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Our many thanks for your recent check for one hundred dollars. It comes as a most welcome surprise.

Upon checking our records, we find that all those persons mentioned in your letter, except Reverend Schaeffer, have paid dues for the year 1950-51. For this reason, I am entering these three as contributors. These contributions will be acknowledged and shown as part of the sum pledged and raised, in addition to that wonderful one hundred and fifty dollars from your own treasury. This shows Mississippi as having paid $225.00 on its pledge of one thousand.

Reverend Schaeffer's $25.00 will be entered as a sustaining membership. Since it is dues and not a contribution, $12.50 of it will be returned to the Mississippi Division with your statement of dues return.

Contributions, unless otherwise indicated, stay in our treasury. Enclosed is a memorandum which was sent to chairmen of all state divisions. You should have one also. It explains our contributions and division of dues.

Let me know if the above arrangement is not satisfactory. We give our thanks to Mr. Lyells also for his share of your joint contribution. We are most grateful for the check and send our thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

May 22, 1950

Acting President H. Manning Efferson
Florida A & M College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Efferson:

A resourceful and well disposed person who has been in Atlanta several years is moving early this summer to East Point, Florida. It occurred to me that it would be well to put A & M College in touch with her. I have told her about the College and that she would do well to make friends there.

She is Mrs. Olive Haskins. She is a Northern white woman, aged probably fifty-odd, who has spent much of her life in workers' education. Some four years ago Foundation funds were made available for the establishment in this State of the Georgia Workers Education Service. It had the warmest relations with all branches of the labor movement in the State. Unfortunately, its funds are now exhausted, and the GWES is now closing up.

Mrs. Haskins served with GWES from almost the beginning and was its Executive Director for the last two years. She traveled very widely through the State, particularly in South Georgia, and arranged and taught scores of classes among local trade unionists. Some of the groups were white, some were Negro, and many were mixed. She has the practical touch, and made friends wherever she went.

She will have a minute income and isn't at present looking for a job. Unfortunately, she won't have menas enough to enable her to travel widely in the State at her own expense.

I thought perhaps A & M College would wish to put her on its mailing list and at some appropriate time next Fall perhaps ask her to come up to the College for some public occasion.

My only thought was that she ought to be in touch with Negro leadership in Florida. She is a nice person, faithful, fair, and wise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 22, 1950

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

I thought perhaps this notice of Pendle Hill fellowships might be worth posting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 22, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Harold Fleming, as editor of our little magazine, New South, wants to print the Tuskegee speech in full -- June issue.

Does that conflict in any way with your plans? Or could it supplement your plans in any way?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 22, 1950

Atlanta & West Point Railroad Company
4 Hunter Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I had a visit a few mornings ago from a Negro passenger on one of your runs who thought that the Railroad had been less than reasonably considerate of the large group of passengers in the single coach assigned to Negroes.

I believe she boarded the Silver Comet at Athens, purchasing a round trip to Chehaw, Alabama, and return, Saturday, May 13. Reserved seats were assigned, and the Negro passengers hoped for tolerable comfort for the entire trip. This was duly provided in the Seaboard end of the journey from Athens to Atlanta. The single coach continued in the train westward from Atlanta. A very large number of Negro passengers entered the coach at Atlanta, mainly bound for Chehaw, but others for Alabama way stations. Within that coach from Atlanta westward to Chehaw, many passengers had to stand, while others tried to sit three to a seat. My visitor had occasion to use the diner and in the trip to the diner observed a very large amount of empty space in the other (and presumably white) coaches. She supposed that greater consideration could have at the least opened additional space in the other coaches for the Negro passengers.

I am of course aware of the many complications: the strike, and the probable failure of many of the Negro passengers going to the Commencement exercises at Tuskegee Institute to book space in advance and give the Company advance knowledge of their need of accommodations.

I am sure the Company desires to be informed of instances of this kind, and I am equally sure that you wish to make travel as agreeable and comfortable as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 22, 1950

Rev. Maurice Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Paul Williams has asked me to send on to you a biographical sketch of Dr. Charles S. Johnson.

Here is the entry from Who's Who.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

AIR MAIL

May 22, 1950

Mrs. Ethel C. Phillips
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

Here is the New Orleans States' series. Also some outline of the kind of statement from a New York source which it seems to me would be most useful. I am wedded to no phrase of this statement and would gladly see improved language.

When the legal people get to work, try to contrive clarification of the word "state." In a states rights area, that word "state" means only one thing. It is quite beyond most of us to recall that in international usage it means the nation-state.

In your statement, is not the word "facilities" a mis-type for "faculties"?

If you can put through a rebuttal with convincing legalisms in it and send me a new draft, I would be happy to do our best in acclimatizing it for this part of the world.

Then if my Executive Committee will agree on June 10 (when it meets) there may be things we could do to help get the truth better known.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell. Draft of possible statement from New York.

May 22, 1950.

In a recent series of editorial articles the New Orleans States attacked the proposal that the United States ratify the Genocide Convention. Among other statements, the New Orleans paper argued that if the Convention is ratified officers and members of private organizations barring groups because of color, race, or creed might become subject to trial before an international tribunal; that segregation laws might be superseded through the use of the treaty power; and that participants in riots or acts of violence involving a racial aspect might become subject to prosecution outside the United States.

In New York today the , which has favored the ratification of the Genocide Convention as a means of preventing the sort of crime which was perpetrated by the Nazis in Germany, replied to the arguments used by the New Orleans newspaper. They pointed out that Senator Brien McMahon, Democrat of Connecticut, Chairman of the subcommittee that recently recommended ratification of the Genocide Convention by the Senate, has stated that "we have never had an act of genocide in the U. S., and as far as I can see, we will never have one."

They further brought out that the United States "understandings" or interpretations appended by the Senate subcommittee make clear what is meant by genocide.

The first understanding states that genocide involves "the intent to destroy an entire national, ethnical, racial or religious group...."

The second understanding defines "mental harms" as "physical permanent injury to mental facilities."

The third understanding construes "complicity in genocide" to mean participation before and after the fact and aiding and abetting the crime.

The final understanding declares that ratification by the Senate, under Article I of the U. S. Constitution, which authorizes the Federal government to define and punish offenses against the law of nations, does not abridge the jurisdiction of the individual states with regard to crime.

In substance, the deplored the effort which it found in the New Orleans articles to confuse the issue by bringing in those lapses from the best American standards which have too frequently occurred in the handling of race relations in the United States. Such lapses, it pointed out, which in the agreement of all fair-minded people are reprehensible in the extreme, are covered by existing American constitutional and legal provisions. Enforcement of these American laws would remain with American officials, after ratification of the Genocide Convention. That Convention, it was pointed out, is aimed at prohibiting types of Old-World persecution which are foreign to American tradition.

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MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION

Southern editors will be especially interested in assurances from State Department officials and United States Senators that the crime of genocide, which it is hoped may soon be banned by international agreement, has never occurred in the United States.

Senator Brien McMahon, Democrat of Connecticut, Chairman of the submommittee that recently recommended ratification of the genocide convention by the Senate, has stated that "we have never had an act of genocide in the U. S., and as far as I can see, we will never have one."

Under the convention, jurisdiction over individuals charged with genocide rests in the state where the crime was committed, unless the state has agreed to pass the jurisdiction to some international tribunal which does not as yet exist. This would require a separate treaty.

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The Convention, after being considered by the full Foreign Relations Committee, will be reported to the Senate for final action.

May 23, 1950

Mr. Ed Foster
English Department
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Foster:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is encouraging that people of the South, who benefit most from this important program, are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed grateful for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Mr. R. C. Commander, General Secretary
Georgia Institute of Technology
Y.M.C.A.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Commander:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Professor I. E. Saporta
School of Architecture
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Saporta:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are most grateful for your interest in our program and for your help in this present emergency.

It is hoped that you have benefited by your association with the Council and that you will call on us in the future also, if we can be of service.

Our best regards and appreciation for your friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Mr. James J. Selvage
Biltmore Apartments
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Selvage:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It has been encouraging that people of the South, who benefit most from this important program, are coming now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed grateful for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Mr. William J. McGlothlin
3134 West Roxboro Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Our many thanks for your recent contribution to the Council.

Needless to say, we can use it and sincerely appreciate your interest in our work. An occasional miracle, like the one you sent, is keeping us alive. Our gratitude to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Dr. and Mrs. David Minter
Route 1
Cruger, Mississippi

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Minter:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution sent in by Mrs. Lyells.

As you know, the financial situation of the Council is critical. However, it has been encouraging that people of the South, who benefit most from this important program, are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed grateful for yours.

I enclose a recent well-done article about the Council. It is information such as this we would like to get into the hands of Southern citizens.

Our best regards and gratitude for your friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

President and Mrs. John Long
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Mississippi

Dear President and Mrs. Long:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution sent in by Mrs. Lyells.

As you know, the financial situation of the Council is critical. However, it has been most encouraging that people of the South, who benefit most from this important program, are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed grateful for yours.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Mr. C. H. Gillman
72 Fairlie Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gillman:

Please extend our thanks for the fine check sent by you for the Georgia State Industrial Union Council. We do appreciate your efforts.

Your contribution brings the amount Georgia has raised to date up to $743.50 on a pledge of $2,350. We have heard from the Finance Committee that other sums are on hand, but we haven't as yet received them in the office.

We will miss you at the Executive Committee meeting on June 10. I hope your plans can be changed to permit you to attend.

All of us appreciate your work for the Council and are most grateful for your friendship.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.
May 23, 1950

President:
Bishop Francis J. McConnell
Executive Secty.:
Jack R. McMichael

JUN 1 1950
Southern Regional Council

June 27-29
MEET and DISCUSS with:
Miss Lillian Smith--Author and playwright ("Strange Fruit, Killers of the Dream", etc.).
Dr. Edgar A. Love--Supt., Dept. of Negro Work, Board of Missions.

Dear Friend of the Federation:

We are indeed happy to bring you the good news that MFSA is planning a south-wide, two-day, non-segregated regional conference at Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, N.C., June 27-29. The conference begins with supper on Tuesday, ends with lunch on Thursday. Room and meals will be $5 a day; registration is $3.

This is our first MFSA southern regional meeting--and one of a series of regional meetings being held this month and next.

We feel extremely fortunate in having as one of our speakers the well-known Miss Lillian Smith, a Methodist with strong convictions on racial equality and unity. Dr. Love has been active for many years in the Federation, and is a member of the Executive and Administrative Committees. These speakers will give us excellent guidance in our discussions on civil rights and Negro-White unity.

Let us join together in real brotherhood to discuss and act on:

-- PROPHETIC RELIGION AND THE WORLD CRISIS
-- HUMAN RIGHTS (with special emphasis on civil rights in the U.S.)
-- MFSA PROGRAM FOR STUDY AND ACTION (we will make proposals to the national meeting to strengthen, revise and implement this program)
-- UNITY AND EQUALITY OF NEGRO AND WHITE PEOPLE

We will all be greatly strengthened in our work for peace and human rights by fellowship together in the spirit of Jesus who believed in and worked for the brotherhood of man and the Kingdom of God on earth.

Cordially yours,

Jack R. McMichael

Jack R. McMichael

P.S. Please use return envelope for your registration and also for your membership renewal--or a special contribution, as generous as possible. Please do this even if you cannot come to the regional meeting. We keenly need this support--to eliminate a serious deficit and to continue and enhance our work for democracy and peace. We hope you are planning to participate in our splendid national meeting at Wilberforce College, Wilberforce, Ohio, July 18-20.

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REGISTRATION FORM

SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING:	NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Registration ($3.00) ☐	Registration ($3.00) ☐
Reservation ($5.) 1 day ☐ 2 dys ☐	Reservation ($3.50) 1dy ☐ 2 dys. ☐

I enclose my membership renewal ☐; a special contribution ☐

Name ..... Address .....

May 23, 1950

Professor Richard Wilson
School of Architecture
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please accept our thanks for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is encouraging that people of the South, who benefit most from this important program, are helping now more than ever to give it support. We are indeed grateful for yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23 1950

Mrs. O. R. Whitelock
Route 2
Chamblee, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitelock:

I am sorry the Council has no members in Puerto Rico.

I have some acquaintance from 1941 of Teodoro Moscoso, who is something quite high now in the government. I should think he would be an excellent introduction to the, to my mind, great progress Puerto Rico is making these days.

Recommended reading: Rex Tugwell's of about three years ago on his work as governor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 23, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Mrs. McKinney came in today to get your trunk off.

She gave me this key to send to you at Wingdale.

She would have got it sent earlier but I was late in telling her that you needed it.

Mrs. McKinney says the trunk is being sent to Pauling COD.

We are living about as usual. Send us news of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

May 23, 1950

Mr. Curtiss Dixon
Southern Education Foundation
918 Cypress Street, N. E.

Dear Curt:

Could you be kind enough to supply me with a list of state agents in charge of Negro education.

I would like to circularize them on behalf of some of our pamphlet materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 23, 1950

Mr. William Howland
Time, Inc.
Rhodes-Haverty Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Howland:

At the suggestion of Dr. Mitchell, I am sending you a Council membership blank.

We invite you and Mrs. Howland to take out a joint membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 23, 1950

Mr. C. H. Gillman
72 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Charley:

The Council is deeply appreciative of the kind contribution of the Georgia State Industrial Union Council.

This helps us enormously, not only in money but in the knowledge that organized labor in the state wishes the Council success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 23, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sumwalt
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Bob and Mrs. Bob:

You will enjoy this leaflet about the self survey in Greenville which we helped with.

With warm regards,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

May 23, 1950

Mr. David Silberman
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

In March we mailed you a signed copy of our audit for 1949. We did not request that it be returned, but would like very much to have it back if you have no further use for it.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent article about the Council, I enclose it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 24, 1950

Major John B. Folan
Detachment #7
Trinity College
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Major Folan:

There are three principal bibliographies which should be helpful to you in the preparation of your thesis. Each of them deals with materials about the Negro in America, but, of course, they include the important writings on the Southern aspect of that problem.

The Negro Yearbook, 1947, published by Tuskegee Institute. (Contains an annotated bibliography.)

Race and Region: A Descriptive Bibliography, 1949. By Edgar T. and Alma Macy Thompson. University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill.

An American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal.

I am sure you have already consulted Myrdal, but I include him for the sake of completeness.

In case you might find some of our pamphlet material helpful, I enclose a publications list.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

May 24, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Your contribution card looks fine. I will keep track of the returns which accompany it and make you a report from time to time.

We are delighted with your generosity in wanting to contribute your Council expenses to the Council. It is most kind of you. Unfortunately, we are not now able to reimburse you, but will send a check at the first opportunity. It will not be necessary to exchange checks. Your contribution can be included in that of North Carolina.

I am enclosing a memo showing the status of the state efforts to date. Since it was typed, Georgia has given an additional $170 and Mississippi $75. We are still living by a series of small miracles.

The Finance Committee has met and has come up with a plan about which you will hear at the next Executive Committee meeting. We look forward to seeing you then. I will write you soon about your hotel reservations.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

May 24, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Here are four or five copies of the report on the Greenville survey.

I sent one to Mr. "Quaker" Rose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

P.S. I enclose receipt of trunk shipment by Railway Express Agency.

May 24, 1950

Mr. Ralph Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am sure you will be interested in this report of a survey conducted by a group of white and Negro citizens in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mrs. Leslie H. Patterson
1914 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I asked Miss Annie Tate Jenkins whom I ought to send this to in South Carolina. She spoke particularly of you as some one who would be interested.

The Council can supply additional copies at twenty cents each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mrs. W. T. Cassells
835 Kilbourn Road
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Cassells:

I am sure you will be interested in this account of the self survey lately conducted in Greenville.

If additional copies would be useful to you, we can supply them at $.20 each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Miss Annie Tate Jenkins
Presbyterian Board of Woman's Work
Henry Grady Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tate:

Thank you for the names of the two ladies in South Carolina. Here are a couple of copies for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Dr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Rd.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

This Greenville report is brand new. I send you ten in the hope that you might care to mail some of them on to useful people in South Carolina or elsewhere.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Raymond R. Paty, Director
The Rich Foundation
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paty:

You will be interested in this account of a survey of the Negro community in Greenville, South Carolina, lately conducted by a mixed group of citizens with advice from the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Gould Beech
Communications Workers of America
23 Broad Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Gould:

I thought you might like this report of a survey of the Negro community conducted by a mixed group of Greenville Citizens.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Boris Scherbak
1978 Devinney Circle Apt. #5
Chamblee, Georgia

Dear Boris:

I thought you and Doris would like this report of a self survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. George Baldanzi
Executive Vice-President
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Baldanzi:

I am sure you will be interested in this survey of the Negro community, conducted by a mixed group of citizens at Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. George Aull
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear George:

I remember with profit yours on Spartanburg and throught, therefore, you would be the more interested in this new self survey of Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. David Silberman, Jr.
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I thought you and Mrs. Silberman would be interested in this report of a self survey lately conducted in Greenville, South Carolina with some help from the Council. They did quite a good job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Miss Adele Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia 5, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

I wanted to be sure you get some extra copies of the report on the Greenville survey, just off the press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Five copies attached

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

Here are five copies "pronto" of the report on the Greenville survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

I thought possibly you would have time to look through this report of the self survey lately conducted with advice from the Council at Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corp. of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

I do hope you can thumb through this report on the home town self survey conducted at Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
4 West 49th Street
New york 20, New York

Dear Dr. Calkins:

I do hope you can thumb through this report on the home town self survey conducted at Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I send you a bundle of copies of the report on the recent Greenville survey.

I have also sent some to Miss Reid and Miss Minahan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

10 copies attached

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell St., N. E.
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Miss Maxwell:

I hasten to get off to you early a couple of copies of the new Greenville survey report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. William Watts Ball
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

My dear Mr. Ball:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the report of the self survey lately conducted in Greenville.

Our Council considers that a remarkably fine job was done by the citizen committee in Greenville who put this through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. George Buchanan
The Columbia Record
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Here is a hot off the press copy of the survey in Greenville. We are very proud of the way Greenville people went about this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Slats Slatimer
The State
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr Slatimer:

This report of a self survey, lately conducted in Greenville, came out only today. I wanted you to have a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Here are five copies of the leaflet we have done on the Greenville survey. More available to you if you need them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mrs. Dorothy Lancaster Folger
RFD Walhalla Road
Pickings, South Carolina

Dear the Folgers:

I am sure you will enjoy this little leaflet we have done on the recent Greenville survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 24, 1950

Mr. James A. Smith, Jr.
The Divinity School
Yale University
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for returning Miss McCulloch's manuscript. We are glad that you found it helpful.

We would, indeed, be interested in seeing a copy of your study if you should have copies made.

If we can be of assistance to you in the future in any way, please do call on us.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secy. to Dr. Mitchell

ER/s

May 24, 1950

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Your 1949 $500, you may recall, we applied to the Home Town Self-Survey project.

A number of small surveys have been made. Here is the report of the first good-sized one.

The facts we found are of some importance. What is much more, the work of making the survey brought a new quality of inter-racial understanding to Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 24, 1950

Mr. Harry Straus
Pisgah Forest
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Straus:

Here is first fruits of our Home Town Self-Survey work.

The facts the Greenville citizens found are of importance. What is more important by far is the new quality of understanding of each other that working together produced.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 24, 1950

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
50 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

You will remember that last year's generous anonymous gift to the Council was applied to the Home Town Self-Survey project.

A number of small surveys have been made. Here is the result of the first good sized one.

The facts the Greenville citizens found are of importance. What is more important by far is the new quality of understanding of each other that working together produced.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
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May 24, 1950

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

You will receive a copy of this in ordinary course, but I wanted to be sure it reached your hands.

We offer an advisory service to Home Town Self-Surveys. This is the first big one that has been completed in recent years. The facts the Greenville citizens found are important. What is more important is the new quality of understanding achieved by working at this together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 24, 1950

Mr. R. W. Hudgens
International Development Company
Standard Oil Company of New York
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Pete:

Here are a couple of copies of what people in your home town put together.

You will see that the facts themselves are of some importance. What means much more is the new quality of understanding that white and Negro people in the city achieved by working at this together.

Incidentally, the Survey Committee in Greenville has bought 1600 of these for distribution in the city.

I have written to Mr. Creel and sent him a copy or two of this because the generous check we got last year was applied to our Home Town Self-Survey project.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl: 3

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable J. Strom Thurmond
Governor of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Governor Thurmond:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the Self-Survey recently conducted by a group of citizens in Greenville.

We are happy to see the facts they found put into print; more happy to know that in getting the facts, Greenville citizens of both races achieved a new quality of understanding of each other.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable James E. Folsom
Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Governor Folsom:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable W. Kerr Scott
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Governor Scott:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

With admiration of your leadership in North Carolina,

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable Sidney S. McMath
Governor of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Governor McMath:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable Fuller Warren
Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Governor Warren:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable Herman Talmadge
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Governor Talmadge:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable Earle C. Clements
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort, Kentucky

My dear Governor Clements:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

The Honorable Earl K. Long
Governor of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

My dear Governor Long:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

May 24, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thank you for asking Mr. Steele to round up the information we need on professional associations in Kentucky. He should be able to give us just what we need.

The report on the Greenville Self-Survey is just out, and I have sent copies to both Miss Margie Helm at Bowling Green and Miss Fern Stokes at Earlington. I think that this Greenville pamphlet will be most effective promotion for the survey, since it gives people a clear and concrete example of just how it can be done and what it accomplishes.

You will receive a copy in due course, but I enclose another here for your advance use .

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 24, 1950

Miss Fern Stokes
Earlington, Kentucky

Dear Miss Stokes:

Mr. Tydings has asked me to send you additional material on the Home Town Self-Survey. Enclosed is a report on the current Greenville, South Carolina, Self-Survey. I think that you will see in the Greenville story what an effective and flexible device the self-survey can be in getting community action and improvement.

As you will see, the survey in Greenville has already yielded rich results in such areas as housing, health and medical care, sanitation, recreation, and the handling of racial news in the local papers. The people in Greenville say, however, that the most important gain so far has been intangible -- the marked change in attitudes and atmosphere which has occurred in the community during the course of the survey. And it is this change which has made, and will continue to make, the more concrete improvements possible.

The Council will be happy to help you in any way we can if you undertake a local self-survey.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 24, 1950

The Reverend E. [illegible] Small
St. Bartholomew's Church
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Small:

I think that you will be interested in this newly published report on the Greenville Self-Survey. I do not know whether or not Mr. Smith ever got to the Piedmont Regional Conference of Social Work in Greenville, where the Survey was discussed; but this report should give your Hartsville "surveyors" a graphic picture of just what a flexible and effective device the self-survey can be in getting community action and improvement.

The people in Greenville are proud of it, and so are we.

Please give my best to Caroline Gillespie when you see her. We shall be most interested in hearing how your survey works out.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 24, 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley
Mr. Frank Cleaver
Greenville Community Council
P. O. Box 1085
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Harold and Frank:

Just a note to let you know that the Railway Express has just picked up your 1600 copies of the Report, so they are now on their way to Greenville. You should have them by Friday or Saturday at the latest.

We think the pamphlet looks wonderful -- the cover picture came out beautifully. Hope all of you like it as well as we do.

Best of luck on your meeting the 29th. Wish we could be there.

We have enjoyed working with you and the Committee very much, and I think the Survey has been a most mutually profitable venture.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

COPY

May 25, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

CC: Mrs. C. B. Smith

Encl.

May 25, 1950

The Honorable Fielding L. Wright
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

My dear Governor Wright:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 25, 1950

His Excellency Gov. William M. Tuck
Governor of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 25, 1950

The Honorable Gordon Browning
Governor of Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Governor Browning:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 25, 1950

The Honorable Allan Shivers
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas

My dear Governor Shivers:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 25, 1950

The Honorable Roy J. Turner
Governor of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

My dear Governor Turner:

I have the honor to send you a copy of the report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina, by a group of its citizens.

The facts laid out in the report are of importance; it is of more importance that in finding the facts, Greenville people of both races achieved a new quality of understanding.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 25, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

I finally got a chance to talk with my friend in the Southern Educational Film Production Service about the movie idea. While the cost of films varies widely, in his judgment a good film of the kind we have been talking about could be done for twenty to thirty thousand dollars. He was very doubtful about the State Department angle. He said that our propaganda is so suspect overseas that a film dealing directly with race relations would not be too effective; it would stand a considerable chance of being shrugged off as American fiction. More effective, he says, are films which bring in race relations as incidental to the larger subject -- for example, health care, nutrition, education, or what not.

For those reasons he thinks private financing would be necessary. Then, if the State Department chose, it might be picked up for foreign showing. I am ignorant about such things, but anyway there is one film man's opinion. (He did agree with me that a race relations film would be of great value domestically.)

I wish I could see a ray of hope in the matter of financing. I understand that the Protestant Film Commission is set up specifically to disseminate religious information which will strengthen Protestantism; it is very unlikely that they could be persuaded to go far afield from that purpose. It is also my understanding that the Virginia Union tour is being carried out in cooperation with the State Department.

The trouble is that the Council can do very little itself to get such a project financed. As you know, these are hard times for the organization, and we are exerting every energy to get enough support to keep the Council operating effectively. The same foundations that might be interested in the film are those which we are asking for grants to our general budget. Of course, we could supply information and material, or cooperate in any other way to persuade an interested donor for the film. But the Council itself

can't make the real push which is to be regretted.

We have just got off the press a very useful pamphlet, entitled "Greenville's Big Idea." It is the story of Greenville's (S. C.) self-survey of its Negro community, which was done by an interracial group of local citizens, advised by the Council. It is, we think, an exciting account of interracial cooperation at the community level -- just the sort of thing for the proposed film to deal with. I am sending you several copies separately. Maybe Mr. Kennedy should receive one -- from you or from us, whichever you think better.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

May 25, 1950

Mr. Robert Dixson
Industrial Relations
Chicopee Mfg. Co.
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mr. Dixson:

Here are a couple of copies of a report of a self survey lately conducted at Greenville, South Carolina. You will see that the committee that put the work through was made up of both white and Negro citizens. I thought you and General Johnson would be interested in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

2 copies attached

May 25, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the state pledges.

It is most important that they have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you write me if the following information is incorrect.

Donald Comer, Birmingham	$100.00
Mr. W. D. Cay, Talladega College	3.00
Mr. A. D. Beittel, Talladega College	10.00
Rev. William H. Marmion, Birmingham	10.00
Dean C. G. Comillion, Tuskegee Institute	10.00
Mr. Ernest Neal, Tuskegee Institute	5.00
Mrs. M.H. Sterne, Birmingham	25.00
President W.A. Bell, Birmingham	10.00
U.M.W.A., Dist. No. 20, Birmingham	25.00

TOTALS	Pledged	Paid
	$500.00	$198.00

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 25, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. We do hope your forthcoming meeting in New Orleans is a big success.

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route #1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

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If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Mr. Rufus Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Mr. John Griffin
1426 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

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Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report on the amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the following information is incorrect:

Mr. J. H. Wheeler - Durham		$ 25.00
Dr. Guy B. Johnson - Chapel Hill		50.00
Rev. John J. Hyland - Swannanoa		5.00
Dr. Charlotte H. Brown - Sedalia		25.00
TOTALS	Pledged: $2,000	Paid: $105.00

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

May 25, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

In preparation for the coming Executive Committee meeting, we are trying to complete our report onthe amounts paid on each of the State pledges.

It is most important that the Committee have all the information so that intelligent decisions can be made. For this reason, will you notify me if the enclosed information is incorrect?

If any sums are now on hand, it would be most helpful to have them here for the meeting, so the Executive Committee will have the complete report.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

May 25, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
Community Relations Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Here are some copies of the Greenville Self-Survey, hot from the press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.: 3

May 25, 1950

Mr. J. Spencer Love
416 Ring Bldg.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Love;

I am in hopes this will find its way to your own fingers knowing that you will be interested in its account of a survey of the Negro community at Greenville, South Carolina, conducted by a responsible group of white and Negro citizens.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mr. Lawrence Rogan, Director
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Larry:

The September meeting sounds most interesting. I will mark it on my calendar and wait for you to tell me more about what might come up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Miss Nancy Blaine
48 East Cedar Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Miss Blaine:

That was mighty kind of you to send us a contribution, and we are very grateful for it.

Our Board of Directors was called to meet April 22 and they fitted together pledges of $15,500. That won't see us through the year, but it makes us think we can get through somehow.

You will be interested in this just completed report of a survey of the Negro community at Greenville, South Carolina. It was done by a responsible group of white and Negro citizens with occasional counselling from the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I wanted to make sure that you receive a copy of this report of a survey of the Negro community at Greenville, South Carolina by a responsible Negro and white citizen committee with occasional help from the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mr. Dave Grundfest, President
Sterling Stores Co., Inc.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grundfest:

Perhaps you will have time to look through this report of a survey of the Negro community of Greenville, South Carolina, conducted by a responsible Negro and white citizen committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Mr. Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
The Central Christian Advocate
631 Baronne Street
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am sure you will be interested in the results of this survey conducted at Greenville, South Carolina by a responsible Negro and white committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2345 Corinthian Ave.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Here is the Greenville survey!

We owe Greenville's interest very largely to you.

We think that in thoroughness the Jacksonville survey surpassed Greenville's, but this is a useful job and has already paid off handsomely in understanding and progress in the city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
Apt. 15-A
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is the account of a survey of Negro Greenville just finished there by a joint group of white and Negro citizens.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Mr. Walter Regnery, Manager
Joanna Mills
Joanna, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Regnery:

I thought you would be interested in this report of a survey lately conducted by a committee of white and Negro citizens at Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

May 25, 1950

Mr. James L. Coker
Sonoco Products Co.
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Coker:

I wanted to be sure that you had an early copy of the report of the survey of the Negro community at Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Town and Country Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service of
Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Minkler:

I know this will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

2 Copies Attached

May 25, 1950

Miss Carolyn Gillespie
RFD #3
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Miss Gillespie:

Here is a bundle of the report, hot off the press, of the Greenville survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Five copies attached

May 25, 1950

Father Cuthbert Allen, O.S.B.
Belmont Abbey
Belmont, North Carolina

Dear Father Cuthbert:

I though you would be interested in this newly completed report of a survey of your fairly near neighbor Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Mr. John H. McCray
The Lighthouse & Informer
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCray:

We are in hopes that this newly completed report of the survey in Greenville will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Miss Mary Frazier
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Miss Mary:

I wanted you to have a copy of this report on the Greenville survey.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

Enclosure: 1

May 25, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
903 North Broadway
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

You will be interested in this account of the survey of the Negro population of Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

2 copies attached

May 25, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

A single room and bath have been reserved for you at the Piedmont Hotel for June 10.

Please let me know if this is not satisfactory.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 25, 1950

Mr. Sidney Galfand, Librarian
Benjamin Franklin High School
Broad and Green Streets
Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Galfand:

Thank you for your recent remittance and request to be put on the mailing list for Southern Frontier.

In January, 1946, the Southern Frontier was replaced by our current publication New South. It is similar to Southern Frontier in that it is concerned with important social and economic problems in the South, but its scope is broader and more comprehensive that the former publication.

Subscription to New South is $1.50 per year. I send you a sample copy. If you will send an additional fifty cents, we will enter your subscription.

I also enclose a list of our publications. We will be happy to fill your order promptly.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 25, 1950

Bishop James Clair Taylor
The Episcopal Residence
353 Boyd Street
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Bishop Taylor:

We are deeply grateful for your pledge to the Southern Regional Council and understand that there are many demands on a bishop.

Of course you are assured of our cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

cc: Dr. Clement with copy of the Bishop's letter

This letter sent May 25th to the heads of all State Departments of Education in all southern states from a list sent in by Mr. J. C. Dixon.

WGD

10 yellow jackets enclosed

May 25, 1950

Dr. J. C. Blair
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Blair:

We would be very grateful if you could help us get this small leaflet into useful circulation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosures: 10

PAUL D. WILLIAMS, RICHMOND
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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 26, 1950

Dear Louisiana member of S.R.C.:

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, who helps the Council, is to be in New Orleans to speak to the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, Y.W.C.A. Branch, 130 South Claiborne Avenue, 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 13.

The New Orleans Committee became a Chapter of the Southern Regional Council about a year ago.

We have hoped that fairly soonafter that the members of the Council all over Louisiana would care to form a Louisiana Division of the Council. We have such State Divisions now in South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

As far as money goes, it would simply mean that half your dues would be returned by this office to the treasury of a Louisiana Division. Then you would have your own officers, and your own program.

It would be quite a step forward if a number of the non New Orleans members would attend the June 13 meeting. Perhaps you could then and there set up a Division. Perhaps you would only wish to explore it further.

Please try to get there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

You can reach the New Orleans Committee through Mrs. Helen Cohn, 1122 Lowerline Street, New Orleans.

GSM:wgd

May 26, 1950

Miss Anne Queen
Assistant Chaplain
Department of Religion
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Anne:

I had a good time going to Athens, and am only glad I saw you and the town twice.

Bus fare came to $3.05, and I had a 25¢ taxi bill. Total expenses, $3.30.

I still want to get Alice to your town.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 26, 1950

Rabbi Samuel Glasner
1124 Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Glasner:

That was as kind as could be of you and Mrs. Glasner to invite me to so delicious a dinner. I enjoyed it and the company greatly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Signed in Mr. Mitchell's absence

GSM:er

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1950

FROM: GSM

TO: Jane

I suspect it would be appreciated if you would make for the Presbyterian ladies a list of the towns which have inquired about the Survey in consequence of their publication of **Now**.

May 26, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

In a few weeks our Executive Committee is to meet and to review again that problem of our critical financial situation.

At the Board meeting, we were most gratified in your hope that Texas could raise $500. Of that amount, $125 has already been paid by Carter Wesley. It would be most helpful, if we could report to the Executive Committee, that Texas has paid an additional amount on its pledge. Can you write me of your efforts? A complete report will aid the Executive Committee in making its decisions.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 26, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here is the latest information on the status of our State pledge efforts:

	Pledged	Paid
Alabama	$ 500.00	$198.00
Florida	----	150.00
Georgia	2,350.00	743.50
Kentucky	1,000.00	133.50
Louisiana	500.00	430.00
Mississippi	1,000.00	225.00
North Carolina	2,000.00	105.00
South Carolina	1,250.00	490.00
Tennessee	1,000.00	813.00
Texas	500.00	125.00
Virginia	800.00	432.00
Totals	$10,900.00	$3,845.00

I hope we can make it look better for the next meeting of the Executive Committee. We are writing our people in the States to renew their efforts and come through with any sums on hand. We haven't had much success in the past several weeks and are struggling to meet the next payroll.

Perhaps we can give you a better report in our next letter. We look forward to seeing you June 10.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

CC: Jane Simpson

May 26, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We had an encouraging letter today from Dorothy Jones at Winthrop College in Rock Hill. The local Chapter of the Council met May 18. The local business man who was present and the Rock Hill Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross were especially interested in pushing the Survey through. A committee was appointed to get in touch with the Board of Trade (which I assume is the equivalent of the Chamber of Commerce) and the SRC Chapter decided that, as the Board of Trade is Rock Hill at the center, if they wanted the Survey, the Survey could be made. May 23, various members of the SRC discussed the proposed Survey with the President and the Executive Director of the Rock Hill Board of Trade. Survey idea most favorably received, and every indication that Survey would go through. Latter is to be clinched by Phifer, President of SRC Chapter, at luncheon meeting with full Board of Trade June 13. Phifer considers that Board of Trade will undoubtedly agree.

Dorothy Jones indicates that she doesn't think the Survey is going to cost a lot of money. She did not say the Board of Trade would put up the money. I have written her that, while making the Survey may not be expensive, printing the findings will be, and perhaps if the NCCJ would find $500 for a Rock Hill Survey, it would be best used in getting the results published. If the NCCJ can make any contribution to the Council on it, we would use it for sending Jane Simpson over to Rock Hill several times and for such part of her salary as might be attributable to the Rock Hill Survey, and anything left, toward covering the final printing bill. The Greenville Survey, for instance, cost $800 to print, of which the Greenville Committee found $360 in purchase of 1600 copies.

I should say that a Rock Hill Survey appears probable, but would be made almost certain if the NCCJ would help.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

May 26, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

What a very encouraging letter -- May 25!

We greatly hope that all plans go through and that the Board of Trade will approve and will help.

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But then you do come up against the cost of printing it. We did 10,000 copies of the Greenville one. The whole bill was about $800. The Greenville Committee has undertaken to purchase 1600 at twenty cents apiece, and we expect, therefore, a check from them for $360. You will see that we suppressed two issues of New South and used the Greenville Survey in substitution for them, and so ourselves made up the rest of the $800 bill. But I would not like that arrangement to become habitual. At a guess, you will need around $500 for printing. Maybe that would be the best use of any contribution received from the NCCJ. If the NCCJ gave the Council itself any money, we would propose to use part of it for sending Jane over for such calls as Rock Hill might make on her services and have some left for helping the printing bill, if any.

All seems to work out according to pattern. One of our long-range objectives is to get in each Southern State a group of people attached to one

or two colleges who know how to make Surveys and can therefore expand the technique to many towns. If Rock Hill works out, then there would be people at Furman and people at Winthrop who could be called on by other towns to help with Surveys.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Jane Simpson

May 26, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo,

"Freedom to Serve" is a beautiful job; written with clarity, honesty, and pace.

It will do a great deal of good.

What a convincing demonstration it is.

If you can send me any more copies I can get them usefully read. Any would be welcome. Ten or twenty or even more, I could get out to people who would really use them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

P.S. For minor return, I send you the results of the new survey at Greenville, South Carolina.

May 26, 1950

Mr. Elliot W. Springs
Fort Mill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Springs:

I felt sure you would be interested in this account of a survey lately conducted at Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

May 26, 1950

Mr. Bernard N. Baruch
Hobcaw Barony
Georgetown, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Baruch:

I have the honor to send you a copy of this lately completed survey of the Negro community in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Enclosure

May 26, 1950

Mr. George W. Hamer
Public Relations
Cone Mills Corp.
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Hamer:

I do wish you would consider passing on to one or two of the head people in the corporation this quite interesting account of a survey conducted by a responsible group of white and Negro citizens in Greenville, South Carolina. Our Southern Regional Council advised the committee which did the work.

Our Council, as you know, is a sometime supplicant for help from the Cones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

3 copies attached.

May 26, 1950

Mr. Eugene M. Wells, Secretary-Treasurer
Alabama State Industrial Union Council
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wells:

Please extend our thanks to your organization for its recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We appreciate your interest in our program and wish to express our gratitude for your support of our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 26, 1950

Mrs. Elsie Larson Wilson, Executive Secretary
Council of Social Agencies
715 Travis Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We think that you will be most interested in this short report of the self-survey of the Negro community recently carried out in Greenville, South Carolina. As you will see, the survey there has yielded rich results from the beginning and has set an effective pattern for continued community action and improvement.

Several months ago we were very interested to hear that Shreveport, with the cooperation of the Council of Social Agencies, had begun a self-survey of its Negro community. We would like very much to know more about your Shreveport survey and its results, and we would appreciate your sending us whatever information is available.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 26, 1950

Mrs. Albert Simons
84 South Battery Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Simons:

You will get a copy of this in ordinary course, but I send you one hot from the press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 26, 1950

Mrs. Marguerite Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

You will get a copy of this in ordinary course, but I send you one hot from the press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 26, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

This is the letter which we have mailed to the non New Orleans members in Louisiana.

We assume that you are notifying members of the New Orleans Committee of the meeting. We are not doing so.

I believe I sent you a copy of the letter I wrote Mr. Clark.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 26, 1950

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

I thought your files ought to have more copies of the Greenville Survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 5

May 26, 1950

Mr. Lawrence I. Koch
318 Tyler Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Koch:

Here are some copies of the Greenville self-survey, hot off the press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.: 3

May 26, 1950

Mr. Charles H. Branch
Publicity Manager
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Branch:

My apologies for our oversight in not sending on to you copies of our notice of Reason, Religion, and Race by Mr. Eleazer. Here are ten with our compliments for so useful a book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 26, 1950

Mr. A. Babs Fafunwa
Bethune Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Fafunwa:

Do please come and see us when you get to Atlanta. The office phone is Walnut 7963, or in the evening I will be at home, 906 Lullwater Road, Dearborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 26, 1950

Department of Sociology
Anderson College
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Folks:

I am sure you will be interested in this newly done survey of the Negro community at Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 26, 1950

Miss Julia Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Julia:

Many thanks for your efforts to be rewardingly in touch with the two ladies.

Once you have made sure that your request for an appointment was received, there isn't much more you can do. I am sure these two ladies consider themselves overburdened already with requests for help, and they must certainly be allowed the courtesy of neglecting to make opportunity for requests for aid if they wish so to neglect.

As there is doubt about whether you reached the right Miss or Mrs. Brown, you might check on that with Mr. Wylie Hall or someone else whom you trust.

Affectionately,

GSM:er

May 26, 1960

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Here is a copy of our latest pamphlet -- a report on the Greenville, S. C., self-survey of its Negro community. Perhaps you heard something of that effort on your recent visit to Greenville. We think it is a most impressive example of interracial cooperation at the community level and are proud to have been of advisory help.

The Greenville Committee especially wanted you to have a copy of the report. I know that they, as well as we, would be grateful for any public mention of the self-survey you might think warranted.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

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CC: Jane Simpson

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Jane Simpson

May 29, 1950

Mr. Samuel Troy
417 North 1st Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Troy:

Here is a good job that was done in Greenville, South Carolina, in surveying the Negro community there. It has been widely praised in the press and spoken of as in some sense an expression of the conscience of the city aroused by the lynching three years ago.

You were mighty kind and helped us last year. Could you help again this year? We greatly need it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Honorable Brooks Hays
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

Many thanks for letting me have a look at this.

I have read it with much interest and have ventured in this draft two or three minor corrections -- filled in the lynching figures, for instance, on page 5.

Its strong point is sincerity. Its weak point is akin to naivete. It has been written, and properly so, with a view to persuading the Southern white everyday church person. But you cannot print anything in this field without its having to run the gantlet of a great number of keen, interested, and critical persons, Negro and white, who will see in it, not an exhortation to betterment but a defense of what is. I would suggest that you get it read and worked on by Hugh Brimm, for one, and that you take into your confidence some alert, sensitive, modern Negro person who will point to the many places where it would arouse feeling among Negroes. You can then accept such modifications of language as you could agree to.

I think you bear too heavily on the desirability of racial separation in the South. Maybe you have to, to get acceptance. But you could at any rate distinguish between publicly enforced separation and people's private regulation of their own lives. In any case, it is a good thing in this field to be precise with definitions. There are many kinds and types of segregation and discrimination. Exactly which ones -- someone will ask -- are favored?

I think you and Archie are on to a good idea, and you have some good material and some good writing. I am sure that if you will send me a later draft I can give you detailed suggestions that will even strengthen the central idea, while making the argument subject to fewer rebuttals.

Sincerely,

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. Roy Larsen
Time-Life-Fortune, Inc.
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Larsen:

I thought perhaps you would find it worthwhile to go through this newly done Survey of the Negro Community at Greenville, South Carolina, which our Council was instrumental in getting done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Miss Eleanor Harvill
Editorial Assistant
Steelways
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Harvill:

The authority on the whole business of research in industry is the Southern Association of Science and Industry, Inc., 5009 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta (Telephone: Cherokee 4015). I am sure that they ticket exactly all research resources (on the industrial side) in the South. They have lately had a big conference in Atlanta drawing together academic and industrial people.

Virtually all of the agricultural research is conducted by the State Experiment Stations attached to various (white) Land Grant Colleges. The Office of Experiment Stations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., could give you meticulous information about the various State Stations and their general and inter-related programs. The Department of Agriculture conducts itself a Federal Experiment Station which I believe is in Louisiana.

The various Negro Land Grant Colleges, as I understand it, receive no part of the Federal appropriations for experimental work. Nonetheless, some of them do a little research on their own. To my knowledge, Tuskegee Institute (at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama) has done some significant work on new methods of farmhouse construction.

A firm of business Counselors here in Atlanta named the Joseph K. Heyman Company, Candler Building (Telephone: Walnut 1009) has for some years employed a staff of economists and others who have assiduously collected facts about Southern industrial progress.

You will find that the whole matter has been reviewed in the last couple of years by the National Planning Association, Washington, D. C., for an organization called The Committee of the South, which has many influential business leaders in it.

Dean Paul Chapman, at the University of Georgia, is particularly well informed about Southern industrial and commercial progress.

One of our best informed economists is Mr. Malcolm Bryan, who was for years with the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank and is now employed by the Trust Company of Georgia, Atlanta.

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, has loosely attached to it something which I believe is called the Southern States Industrial Conference. To my mind it is propagandist and hardly ever sets foot on my side of the fence, but it may have some facts.

You will find somebody or other at the Harvard School of Business who knows a good deal about Southern industrial progress. Somebody did a good article in the Harvard Business Review a year and a half ago.

I have lost the trail of whatever is the new guise of the Farm Chemurgic Council. You will run across their trail.

Consult the paper and wood pulp industry. They have done oceans of research, necessarily.

If you need maps, I suggest that the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences at the University of North Carolina has the best collection.

If we can help you further, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Miss Brownie Lee Jones
Southern School for Workers
Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Brownie Lee:

Somebody from GWES was in Washington lately and heard that you are going to California and the Southern School for Workers will fold up. If that is so -- which I doubt -- it would have some bearing on the proposal of GWES to send a check out of its final scrapings up to Southern School.

Can you give us the situation?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. Robert H. Johnson
Instructor in Government
Graduate School of Public Administration
Harvard University
Littauer Center
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I and the Southern Regional Council will be happy to do all we can to explain the Southern part of the country to your four German persons when you come South. I am free June 21 and June 22, but for the period June 18-20 I am at a meeting at Tuskegee.

We could have a sort of conference meeting at any time you choose on June 21 or 22 here at our office. Or, if you prefer, we could arrange a (skimpy and sandwich) luncheon at our office and perhaps bring in two or three Negro persons for the occasion.

Tell us what you would wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I will look forward to word from you after mid-June as to when you can come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

MEMORANDUM

May 29, 1950

TO: Jane

FROM: GSM

Could you keep a file of material which would serve to provide from time to time current information in revision of Race and Suffrage in the South? I don't mean prepare a revision. I simply mean keep a folder of info and from time to time scratch together a revised total of the Negro vote in the Southern states. I will help you build the file.

I haven't any special use in mind, but we do often get asked for that info.

Here is material on Florida.

GSM

May 29, 1950

Mr. Louis Hirsch
14th and Cedar Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

I had an opportunity to be in Louisville a few hours a couple of weeks ago, and Mr. Tydings tried to get some part of your time so that we could see you together. But it did not work out.

Meanwhile, here is a good account of a Self-Survey conducted by a group of citizens at Greenville, South Carolina, of the Negro community in that city.

You were mighty kind and sent the Council a check last year. Mr. Tydings thought you might be willing to help us again this year. We are $8,000 short of enough to get through, and would be most grateful if you could put some strength beneath us. Tydings said $500 wasn't more than you could do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. F. D. Patterson
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent note by the Council on African students in Southern States

The Council, and its members I am sure, would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young persons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 29, 1950

Mr. Curtiss Dixon
Southern Education Foundation
918 Cypress Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Curtiss:

Here are a couple of copies of our little note on African students.

Mrs. Ruth C. Sloan, I understand, is now back in the State Department and would be, I should judge, the person to get in touch with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. Ivor G. Cummings
Welfare Department
The Colonial Office
London, England

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Here is a small note which our Council has done on the Survey of African students.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
May 29, 1950
Encls: 3.

May 29, 1950

Mrs. Ruth C. Sloan
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Sloan:

I take pleasure in sending you a couple of copies of the Southern Regional Council's note on your survey of African students.

The Southern Regional Council wishes to be of any service it can in the work of making greater opportunities for African students in Southern colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

May 29, 1950

The President
Oakwood College
Huntsville, Alabama

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent note by the Council on African students in Southern states.

The Council, and its members I am sure, would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young persons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 29, 1950

Mr. Morton McDonald
120 West New York Avenue
Deland, Florida

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This recent issue of New South contains a note about African students which I thought I might especially call to your attention.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 29, 1950

Mr. Channing Tobias
The Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

I take pleasure in sending you ten copies of the little note on African students resulting from the Phelps-Stokes Fund's survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.: 10

May 29, 1950

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Executive Vice-President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
618 Prairie Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Thank you so much for your prompt and full reply to our request for information on the membership policies of professional associations in Texas. The information is exactly what we need and will help us greatly in preparing our report for NEW SOUTH.

We appreciate your help and cooperation very much.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

cc: Mrs. James S. Crate

May 29, 1950

Mrs. Ben Knox, Editor
NOW
Board of Woman's Work
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
304 Henry Grady Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Knox:

We thought that you would be interested to know that the Council has had a wide range of inquiries about community self-surveys as a result of the notice in NOW. People in the following cities have requested information:

Auburn, Alabama

Jacksonville, Florida
McIntosh, Florida
Wauchula, Florida

Athens, Georgia

Louisville, Kentucky
Midway, Kentucky
Smithfield, Kentucky

Port Sulphur, Louisiana

Centreville, Mississippi

Charlotte, North Carolina (2)
High Point, North Carolina
Parkton, North Carolina

Chester, South Carolina
Clemson, South Carolina

Fountain City, Tennessee
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Millsboro, Virginia
Roanoke, Virginia

Mingo, West Virginia

We appreciate your cooperation and friendship a great deal.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

May 29, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Much rejoicing! Dave McDonald sent a check for $1,000 from the U. S. Steelworkers in an envelope just by itself.

Many thanks to you.

We will thank Dave also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

May 29, 1950

Mr. Lawrence A. Davis, President
Arkansas State College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am writing you in your capacity as President of the Association of Negro Land Grant Colleges.

It has occurred to me that a new vocation is opening up in the field of rural home plumbing. Rural housing is improving rapidly and farmers are finding the means to install electric pumps and kitchen sinks and bathrooms -- let alone barn installation. So far as I know the situation, few States are sufficiently supplied with personnel who can supervise the installing of such equipment. It involves, of course, septic tanks and trench disposal fields and pipes and pumps and so on. I think it is beyond the capabilities of the ordinary farmer to do such installing without outside advice. It is also probably beyond the purse of most farmers to fetch out a city craftsman for the work. I have in mind somebody who in this modern time would fill the place once occupied by the old-fashioned chimney builder. He had a piece of land of his own, maybe a farm, and did not try to make a living out of installing an occasional chimney, but he got most of the jobs and was a great convenience. If, similarly, the South had dotted over it men who were good at such rural installations, I believe they could substantially help their incomes. I suppose that they would generally strike a deal under which the farmer dug the ditches and perhaps roughed in some of the plumbing. But there is all the business of getting a level for the disposal field and taking care of surface drainage (safeguarding the well) and hooking up a septic tank (sometimes casting one), plus the siting of the pump to protect it from freezes or other interference.

You are of course aware of the new funds available in the Housing Act for farmhouse repair with loans and of grants from the Farmers Home Administration. Probably here and there a certain amount of the subsistence checks from Veterans On the Farm Training classes is going into such facilities.

So far as I know, this is a field which Negroes have thus far not entered in any number. It is also one in which the Negro mechanic would be widely

welcomed. Their patronage would be both white and Negro.

I am suggesting that various of the Negro Land Grant Colleges might wish so to warp their courses in agricultural engineering as to turn out a body of men who would have this particular skill. I have also thought that it might be a good idea for campuses to display for the public, sample installations.

I have talked about this with people at Tuskegee and Tennessee A & I and Fort Valley and Hampton, and it has seemed in all those places to be an idea worth digging into further.

I thought probably that you would care to reproduce this letter or any parts of it and send it out to your various Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 30, 1950

Mr. James P. Brawley
President, Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brawley:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We are overjoyed with your good and rewarding efforts in South Carolina. I will give you a complete listing in a day or so. Your good works have kept me busy keeping track of all the contributors. I will acknowledge them as soon as possible.

Here are two checks; one needs your endorsement, and the other has a signature which none of us can decipher. Can you?

Many thanks to you, Miss Maxwell, and Mr. Rubin for those fine checks.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 30, 1950

Miss Helen Bullard
Charles A. Rawson & Associates
Whitehead Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Helen:

We are getting out a leaflet to help us in recruiting several thousand new members who we hope will come in at ten dollars apiece.

We wanted to include in it the following paragraph:

> "Next, get nine of your friends to join, too, on the envelope membership blanks provided. Mail in each membership as soon as you get it. Dues and contributions to the Southern Regional Council are deductible for income tax purposes."

The Council enjoys a Treasury letter dated July 28, 1947, stating our tax exempt status.

We consider that membership dues to the Southern Regional Council are a contribution to it. As with many such organizations, a distinction has grown up in terminology between dues and contributions, the latter being sums sent in in excess of dues.

Now that dues for voluntary organizations such as ours are increasing, we can see that it will become of importance to know whether membership dues, in addition to contributions over and above such dues, enjoy tax exempt status. As a matter of practice our members do receive a small monthly magazine called New South, which if independently subscribed to has a subscription price of $1.50. But we do not consider that the magazine is sent to members because of any contractual relationship, but simply as a matter of information and cultivation.

Because we had to go to press with the present leaflet, we have resolved the problem by simply using the phrase, "Contributions to the Southern Regional Council are deductible for income tax purposes." But if you could throw any light on whether membership dues may also be spoken of as deductible, we would be glad to know the answer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

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May 30, 1950

Mr. E. Paul Harding
310 South Mendenhall Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Paul:

Very nice to hear from you and to hear that you are still scrapping for the right guys.

The Tuskegee speech will be printed in New South in a few days, and we will send you up several copies for whatever good they can do.

Come to see us when you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 30, 1950

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Pres., Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

In this issue of New South we did a little note on African students in this country which I am sure will be of interest to you.

Your steady, loyal friendship sustains us greatly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. David D. Jones
President, Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

I wanted to be sure this little note on African students in this country came to your attention.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.: 2

May 30, 1950

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix
President, Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

Here is a little note we have done on African students in Southern Colleges. I thought it would be of interest to you, since you have got some.

I should think that Schaeffer or some of his people would be interested in doing what they could to make things easier for these students.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

P.S. Hi! I am about to forget that you are fresh from a stay in Africa. I wish we could talk together about the opportunity presented along this line.

GSM

May 30, 1950

The President
Arkansas A & I College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent note by the Council on African students in Southern States.

The Council, and its members I am sure, would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young persons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

The President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent note by the Council on African students in Southern States.

The Council, and its members I am sure, would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Dean George W. Gore, Jr.
Tennessee A & I College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gore:

I have sent to Mr. Efferson a copy of this little note on African students in the Southern States, but I hasten to send one to you, since you will have the responsibility at Tallahassee next year.

Our Council would wish to be as helpful as possible in broadening opportunities for these and, of course, for all other students.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Acting President H. Manning Efferson
Florida A & M College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Efferson:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent note by the Council on African students in Southern States.

The Council, and its members I am sure, would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. C. V. Troup, President
Fort Valley State College
Fort Valley, Georgia

Dear Mr. Troup:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President, Morehouse College
Atlanta, Gerogia

Dear Mr. Mays:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. William A. Fountain, Jr.
President, Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fountain:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. R. B. Atwood, President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Miss Florence M. Read
President, Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Read:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark, President
Louisiana Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mother M. Agatha, President
Xavier University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mother Agatha:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

The President
Campbell College
Jackson, Mississippi

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. W. J. Trent, President
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Trent:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. Robert P. Daniel, President
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

The President
Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 30, 1950

Mr. J. A. Bacoats
Pres., Benedict College
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bacoats:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I have done some puzzling about the minor constitutional problems which would need solving in the event that a Louisiana Division is established.

Here is a copy of proposed by-laws for such a Division. This has been prepared in this office. It is the by-laws of the Florida Division minus a provision which allowed $1.00 Associate Memberships in the Division, plus a whole new Article (Article VIII). This Article VIII is no more than an effort on my part to find language which might meet the special need in your State. No one here does any more than suggest this language. It would be entirely up to Louisiana and New Orleans to agree upon language acceptable to them, within the general requirement that divisional by-laws be not in conflict with the charter and by-laws of the Council.

In the event that a Louisiana Division is established, it seems to me that a minor amendment would be needed to the Constitution of the New Orleans Chapter on Race Relations, as adopted January 31, 1950.

The amendment which I suggest (and, of course, only suggest) would cause Article III, Section 2 of your Constitution to read as follows:

> All members of this Committee shall be members of the Southern Regional Council (and therefore of the State Division); and all members of the Southern Regional Council residing in or near the city of New Orleans shall be members of this Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

May 31, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark
President, Southern university
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

You and I have talked before about finding the most workable relationship between a Louisiana Division of the Council, when and if established, and the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, which is now a Chapter of the Council.

In an effort to find language which would clarify the relationship, I have put together proposed by-laws for a Louisiana Division. Here is a copy.

They are based upon the by-laws of the Florida Division, which has been the model for nearly all the others. There is one minor deletion from the old Florida by-laws; I have omitted reference to a special class of $1.00 associate Division members. And there is one important addition, which is Article VIII in the proposed by-laws. It relates to Chapters.

This is merely language suggested by this office. Maybe little or none of it suits what you and Louisiana and New Orleans want. Use such language as you choose. The only requirement is that whatever by-laws be adopted by the Louisiana Division (or, for that matter, by the New Orleans Chapter) they not be in conflict with the charter and by-laws of the Council.

I have sent the proposed by-laws to Mrs. Cohn in New Orleans, and Mrs. Tilly has a copy too.

If you do set up a Louisiana Division along some such lines as these, the New Orleans Chapter would have to amend its Constitution to show that its members would also be members of the Louisiana Division. I have sent on to Mrs. Cohn such a proposed minor change in the Constitution of the New Orleans Committee as would accomplish that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

CC: Jane simpson

May 31, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

This is to ask if you can do this or that to get Episcopal church friends in the South to take a renewed interest in the self-survey idea -- now that the Greenville results are available.

The Southern Presbyterian Board of Woman's Work issues an annual program for women of the church, called Now. Many of the monthly lessons are intended to draw the attention of the Presbyterian women to community problems. The June lesson in particular asks what surveys have been made in the community and what facts of special interest they revealed and suggests that the women write to the Southern Regional Council or to the League of Women Voters in Washington for materials about community surveys. As a consequence, we have had thirty or forty inquiries from towns all over the South for survey information. Just the best way to get local interest.

We will try to get similar action from the Methodists and the Baptists. Can you do what would be needed with the Episcopalians?

I thought you would know just which church papers or what publications of your own women's group would be most suitable to try to get something into.

Here are eight more copies of the Greenville Survey and eight more leaflets in case you will be needing them.

Can you write us what you think it helpful to do?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.

May 31, 1950

Dr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I sent you some copies of the Greenville survey. Lately we have had a remarkable shower of requests for survey material from Presbyterian women's groups in smallish towns all over the South. We learned that this stemmed from the published 1950-51 program for women of the church called Now, put out by the Southern Presbyterian Board of Woman's Work. Many of this year's lessons are aimed toward getting the women to turn their attention to community facts, and the June lesson in particular advises them to be in touch with SRC if they want information about community surveys. Hence the postcards.

Naturally, we want to get the Baptists and the Methodists and the Episcopalians and others to follow suit, in whatever way might be convenient to them.

I should think that if you could carry something in Light, that would help quite a lot. Have you also some way of interesting the several State papers, if they would be useful? Or what else ought best to be done?

Remember that we aim our survey method mainly toward the smaller towns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 31, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

When you very kindly wrote us that a project for assisting the Council next year was under way, did that have reference to the calendar year '51, or to a fiscal year which might (hopefully) have an earlier beginning date?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 31, 1950

Mr. Kenneth G. Phifer
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Phifer:

Thank you for your letter of May 30.

Under separate cover I am forwarding the copies of the pamphlet on Home Town Self-Surveys which you requested.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

ER/s

May 31, 1950

Mr. John A. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mr. Byrd told us that Mr. Spaulding had a plan to write to various physicians in North Carolina on behalf of the Council. We have heard no more about that. Can you tell us whether it has come forward, or will, or what?

We are sensible of the many great favors which Mr. Spaulding and you have done for the Council. Happily, because others are getting to work in the same way that you both did, more money is coming in. But I do not want to leave that interesting prospect unexplored.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 31, 1950

Mr. Jess Ogden
Old Dominion Series
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear The Ogdens:

Here is the report of the Greenville, South Carolina, survey which the Council advised on.

We thought you ought to see it and that it might possibly merit some printed comment which would help us get survey information out to small communities. That's where we want it used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

The President
St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute
Lawrenceville, Virginia

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

Mr. Sidney R. Redmond
2103-A Market Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Remond:

I do hope you can find time to look closely through this report of a survey conducted at Greenville, South Carolina, by citizens there.

The Council was the advisor to the Greenville Committee which put the survey through.

You will see that we have issued it as a number of New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 31, 1950

Mr. G. W. Cox
North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cox:

Mr. Walden sent a very nice letter on to Mr. Redmond. What do I do next? Should you write him again, or should I write him, or should I go see him, or what?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

May 31, 1950

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

Here is a little note we did on African students. I do hope something can be got moving that will be helpful to them, as to everybody at Hampton.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President, Fisk university
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I wanted to be sure that this little note on African students reached your eye.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

The President
Morristown Norm l & Indus. College
Morristown, Tennessee

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

Miss Vernette B. Moore
Route 2, Box 273
West Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Moore:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your recent contribution in support of the work of the Council. We have entered a membership for you as was requested by Mr. Dabbs.

We are grateful for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to Miss Azilie Livingstone
West Columbia

May 31, 1950

The President
Prairie View A & M College
Prairie View, Texas

My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of this little note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 31, 1950

Dear Mrs. Tilly:

This draft of proposed by-laws for a Louisiana Division, prepared in the Council's office in Atlanta, May, 1950, is the usual basic Florida by-laws with one deletion and one addition.

The deletion relates to $1 Associate membership in the Florida Division.

The addition is Article VIII, relating to chapters.

This is no more than my effort to find labels which would state a workable relationship between the New Orleans Chapter and a Louisiana Division. It is, of course, entirely up to New Orleans and Louisiana to decide upon language that suits them, within the general requirement that Division by-laws be not in conflict with the charter and by-laws of the Council itself.

Be it noted that if a Louisiana Division is established, then a minor amendment would be necessary to the Constitution of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations (as adopted January 30, '50).

My own suggested language for such a change in the Constitution of the New Orleans Committee would be to add to the presently existing language of that Constitution in Article III, Section 2, the words underscored below:

Article III, Section 2

All members of this Committee shall be members of the Southern Regional Council (<u>and therefore of the State Division</u>); and all members of the Southern Regional Council residing in or near the city of New Orleans shall be members of this Committee.

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May 31, 1950

Mr. Louis Hosch
American Council on Race Relations
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Louis:

This is a nice one. See what a good thing somebody said, bottom paragraph, page 31, beginning "All these ..."

We thought maybe the pamphlet would merit mention in Report. Price is 20¢.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

May 31, 1950

Mr. David J. McDonald
International Secretary-Treasurer
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We wish to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to the United Steel Workers of America for its generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Your gift will help immeasurably to advance this most important program in the South.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent piece about the Council, I enclose a reprint.

We are deeply grateful for your interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 31, 1950

Mrs. Chris A. Johnson, Diocesan Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council
Diocese of Florida
1020 East Brainard Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

We are indeed grateful for your recent contribution in support of the program of the Southern Regional Council. Your interest in our work is very much appreciated.

We would like to send several of the officers of your organization our monthly publication, New South. If you will send me the names of two or three people who would be interested, I will enter complimentary subscriptions for them.

Please express our thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Florida.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 31, 1950

Miss Wil Lou Gray
Opportunity School
West Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Gray:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your recent contribution in support of the work of the Council.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to Mrs. Vivien G. Coker, Hartsville

Muldrow Hampton, Treas. Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Mayesville, S.C.

May 31, 1950

Mrs. Augustine M. St. Cyr
3217 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Augustine:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your recent contribution sent in by Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans.

We are deeply grateful for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Also to: Mrs. Ida Weis Friend, New Orleans.

Also to: Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Kline
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kline
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Kline
Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Kelly, Jr.

May 31, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Marsha
1329 Fairview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marsha:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your recent contribution in support of the work of the Southern Regional Council. We have entered a joint membership for you as was requested by Mr. Rubin.

We are grateful for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

May 31, 1950

Professor Frank W. Clelland
36 Gammon Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clelland:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your support of our program.

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Mailed to:
Reverend G. R. Madson, Albany, Ga.
Mrs. E. B. Harrold, Macon

Ga. letter

May 31, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. George Hendricks
162 Fourth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Elizabeth:

That was most nice of you two to send us a contribution. Thanks from everybody.

Watch out for your May issue of New South. We think it is pretty exceptional. You should have it soon.

Our gratitude to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh